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Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

FOUNDATION

THE Blackburn Grammar School was originally one of the many Chantry Schools disestablished and disendowed by Edward the Sixth. It is exceptional in possessing a large number of documents which shed light upon its history, and an almost unbroken account of the doings of its Governors from the time when it was re-established by Queen Elizabeth, and constituted a Corporation. Its earliest deed, of which one full copy and one incomplete draft is extant, is an Indenture Tripartite, made between Thomas, second Earl of Derby, the Church Reeves or Church Masters of Blackburn, and the then Chantry priest Sir Edmund Bolton, in the fifth year of King Henry VIII., *i.e.*, 1514. Other documents state that the school had been in existence since the first year of the same king, viz., 1509. The foundation deed speaks of the first Earl of Derby, as late deceased, when he had been dead ten years, so it seems quite likely that the Chantry and School had been kept for some time, and that the founder—who was a favourite soldier of the King, and accompanied him in his French wars, had maintained the Chantry and School for a few years before they were officially established by Law. The proviso that Bolton should be priest and schoolmaster, and the fact that he was to be furnished with a copy of the deed of foundation, seem to favour this suggestion. By the time of the King's "Valores" taken in 1534 and 1546, Thomas Burgess was the chaplain. The Commissioners of both this Sovereign and Edward the Sixth found the same Incumbent there, and he was allowed the usual pension, in this case, of £4. 7s. 4d., which afterwards became part of the endowment of the Elizabethan School. It is not clear what became of Bolton. A deed, in possession of the School, was witnessed by "Sir Edmund Bolton,

priest," on 26th May, 1559. The number of lads attending the School soon after its foundation was seven score, at a time when there were said to be 2,000 "houseling" people, or communicants, in the parish, *i.e.*, the same number as in the town and parish of Warrington. There is good reason to believe that the numbers dwindled greatly during the interval that followed, between the Act of Edward and the ninth year of Elizabeth, from which its Royal Charter dates. The losses sustained in Edward's reign were partly reimbursed in that of Queen Mary, though one cannot suppose that her injunction for recovery of the school lands was fully carried out. At any rate, we know that this School, like most others, languished sadly for a time. Burgess, the successor of Bolton, lived until 1561, but it is not clear that he continued his connection with the School. He seems to have drawn some stipend from the Chantry lands, but did not claim the £4. 7s. 4d. allowed by the Edwardian Commissioners. Bishop Pilkington's Letters, dealing with the year 1564, depict the curate and the schoolmaster of Blackburn supporting a half-witted youth in his visions of dead people and other fantastic things, and describe such practices as common, illustrating the deplorable condition of the country due to the weakening of religious and educational influences. The School petition to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, at a later date (1582), bears witness to the "distruction of the good educacion of scolers in vertue and lernyng that pytye it is to see." It is not known who succeeded Burgess, as no Master is mentioned, though fifty governors' names are given in the 1567 charter; but in 1584 it is evident that R. Wilson was Master, and till March, 1588. From that day to this the line of succession is unbroken.

The first endowment of the Chantry and School, in 1 Hen. VIII. (1509), was some land in Livesey, near Blackburn, and by the deed of 1514, some land called Ryggehey, or Ridge-hey, in Burnley, was added, but the attempts of the later Trustees to recover former possessions show that lands had accrued to the Foundation in Padiham,

Slaidburn and Ribchester, and the pleadings in the Duchy of Lancaster records show the fate of some of these lands for several years. For instance, in 1 Hen. VIII. John Yorke and George Cowburne (or Colburne), the two first names of the original Trustees of the Foundation, and others were seised of lands in Blackburn, 'to find a preiste lerned in gramer' and 'to kepe a Free Gramer School.' Soon after the Chantry Act of Edward VI., *i.e.*, in 1550, Rauf Greenacres became tenant of the land. In the second and fourth years of Mary Tudor (*i.e.*, 1554 and 1556) decrees were made for the re-appointment of feoffees and the restitution of the School lands to the use of the School—the Chantry not being mentioned, and we find, soon after, that Greenacres makes a complaint to Sir Robert Rochester, Chancellor of the Duchy (1553—1558) to the effect that the Parkinsons of Slaidburn have kept possession of the old School lands in that parish, to which he prefers his claim. Greenacres must have won his case, for on 1 May, 1566, he lets Parkinson's land to John Swindlehurst, of Salley. Further, it appears that the Governors took this Thomas Parkinson, in the year 1582, to London, as a witness in their favour in the prosecution of their suit. Within two years of Queen Mary's death her decree was reversed by Sir Ambrose Cave, *viz.*, in 1560. In the prosecution of the Governors' cause, resumed twenty years later, the arguments for the School were summarised, namely, that the lands with which the School had been endowed were all copyhold, and were thus expressly excluded from the operation of the Edwardian Acts of spoliation, and that Queen Mary had restored the land to the Trustees. The reversal of the Marian decree was attributed to faint-hearted support of the School claims, and it was urged that the decree was only "quousque." In the 1582 petition it is stated that Richard Goodshaw (who had got his land from Rauf Greenacres) and others had "casually" come into possession of the title deeds to the School estates, and an injunction was desired against the alleged usurpers. Finally, the compromise was arrived at, that the Duchy of Lancaster should pay £60 towards the

financial re-establishment of the new School, and that the tenants of the old School lands should find about £50, and thus the first capital of the School was raised.

GOVERNMENT

Among the Trustees for the Foundation in 1509 were John Yorke and George Cowburn (or Colburne). Cowburn survived Yorke and the other Trustees, and surrendered the lands to Sir Thomas Talbot, the escheator under Queen Mary, who handed them over to Richard Livesey, Laurence Ainsworth and George Astley, who were among the fifty Elizabethan Governors appointed in 1567. Of these Governors few probably were among the original Trustees of the School, but James Whitalghe, who was a Trustee in 12 Hen. VIII., 1521, was alive in 1567, and served as a Governor. This first list of fifty "discreet and honest men" contains names of most of the honourable gentry of the neighbourhood, and I suppose we may assume that all had some landed interest in the extensive parish of Blackburn.

Several of the Governors seem to have held their position owing to the fact that they were lords of manors within the Blackburn demesne, or because they were church wardens. Vicars of Blackburn did not take their seat as governors 'ex officio.' Walmysleys and Talbots always sign first, by virtue of their ownership of rights in the Talbot or Dunkenhagh Chapel—that which was previously known as the Derby Chapel, while the Osbaldestons claimed similar rights in the North Chapel. They even claimed the right to elect one churchwarden and the Parish Clerk.

The influence of the friends of the School must have been considerable, for Gilbert, afterwards Sir Gilbert Gerrard, was Attorney-General, and subsequently Master of the Rolls, John Clinch was a Judge, Sir Thomas Walmysley a wealthy landowner and eminent Judge, William, afterwards Sir W. Fleetwood, and Richard Shuttleworth were Serjeants-at-Law; and I think we may mention Randle Livesey, "the Archer,"

one of the big men of the Queen's favourite bodyguard. Among later benefactors were Sir Edmund Ashton, or Assheton, of Whalley, to whom the Governors, in 1694, were profuse in their expressions of gratitude for donations amounting to £95, exceeding "all particular gifts given by any person or persons whatsoever since the foundation of this Schoole." In 1884 the School received £10,000 from the estate of the late Mr. R. B. Dodgson.

In the lists of Governors are found names of gentlemen who lived as far away as Manchester, and occasionally London, and at a later date, in the eighteenth century, a difficulty arose as to whether these external Governors were entitled to vote in the appointment of masters. The question was settled by a legal opinion adverse to outside Governors. There appears to have been considerable enthusiasm and activity on the part of the Governing Body until well into the seventeenth century. This activity waned during the eighteenth century, and curious difficulties arose in connection with maintenance of discipline, dismissal of masters, and so on, until in 1876, owing to reports by Her Majesty's Inspectors, a new scheme was given to the School, the number of Governors reduced to twenty, where it remained until 1909. Now it is proposed to raise the number to twenty-one.

The aim of the Trustees was always to acquire land. The long and difficult lawsuit of Elizabeth's reign proclaims the fact that the first Trustees acquired land in at least three royal manors, and soon after the re-foundation Sir Thomas Walmysley, the Judge-Chairman, and the other leading Governors, at once set about purchasing land, and the minutes of the Governors' meetings afford plentiful evidence of their policy. In 1591 the Governors purchased for £360 a rent-charge on the Farnhill Peel Estate belonging to the Eltofts family, near Keighley, Yorks, of the value of £20 a year. This money was in times past paid to the Master, and is still received. The fund for the purchase seems to have been raised thus. Queen Elizabeth's *Inspeximus* (of Feb., 1585-6) assured to the Governors the sum of about £131. 16s. 8d.,

already spoken of, in lieu of the old Chantry stipend, which had not been demanded or paid for many years. In addition to this "benevolences" (see pp. 50—57) were raised from the gentry, townships and inhabitants of the parish. Thus the School stock, which in 1589 was perhaps £150, was exhausted, but by 1607 it was again up to £110, and rose regularly until it stood at £246. At this time the purchase of the Mellor Lands was made, for £230, and rent for the same received, from 1628, though the deed securing the transaction was not copied into the School books till 1657. The rent from this property was dealt with as income. In 1793, the Governors exchanged these lands for others in the same township with Mr. Sudell, a local magnate, and in June, 1801, sold him more of their property in Mellor. Further property at Dilworth was purchased early in the nineteenth century. This was sold in 1860 to Preston Corporation, subject to a rent-charge which the Governors still receive.

There seems to have been no official Chairman of the Governors in early times. Sir Gilbert Gerrard is the first name in the Elizabethan list, and his influence was useful to the School during the days of its struggle for the means of life. Sir Gilbert did not sign the Governors' minutes. Sir John Radcliff heads one or two lists, but apparently did not occupy an official chair. Sir John Southworth, of Samlesbury, signs first on a few occasions about 1588, and it is noticeable that there is usually a gap in the signatures between the names of the landed gentry and those of the humbler parishioners. From 1590 Sir Thomas Walmysley's name, that of one of Her Majesty's "learnedest judges," frequently occurs first, while in 1599 and 1600 he held a regular Court of Governors, "Coram Thomas Walmysley, one of Her Majesty's Judges of the Common Pleas," etc., but this grand style was not continued. He was a good friend to the School, and died in 1612, having for some time suffered from gout and palsy, as his writing shows. He had been a Governor for forty-five years. The 1628 list of

Governors begins with names of ten Knights or Baronets. During the Parliamentary wars one Adam Bolton was Vicar of Blackburn, while another Adam was Accountant. It is amusing to find Vicar Bolton appending "vicar" to his name in 1640, nothing in 1641 and 1642, but "minister" in 1643, when the Parliamentary cause was in the ascendant in his parish. In 1646 he retained his Vicarage as a Presbyterian.

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Great stress was laid upon the qualifications of the first Master. He was to be a 'secular and no regular priest.' On the Foundation deed the word 'secular' recurs many times. He was to be learned in 'Gramer and playn song; 'priksonge' and 'a sight in discant' were also desirable. It may be noted that the word "free," as applied to the Grammar School, is also applied, in the documents relating to it, to Chapels and Chantries, *i.e.*, "free" Chapels and Chantries, and it is also worthy of observation that very soon after the Elizabethan restoration of the School, the Governors imposed a fee upon the boys, so long as the stipend of the two masters did not amount to £24 yearly. It has been argued that "free" in relation to Grammar Schools meant freedom from monastic control, and, taken in conjunction with the repeated and distinct demand for a "secular" priest, the argument appears to derive some support from the records of the School. More than once the inhabitants of the Parish of Blackburn were threatened that if they did not contribute to the maintenance of the School they should not have their "children or children's children or offspring" educated therein. "Forren" scholars also were charged a fee.

The keeping of accounts was done by various hands. Sometimes we find a Governor doing this work, sometimes the Master or Usher, who presumably taught the casting of accounts, but in the seventeenth century a professional accountant or attorney performed this duty. In the eighteenth

century the practice again varied, accountants being appointed yearly or for short periods—Governors, Masters and others, and the work was done far less neatly and effectively than in the previous century.

The Governors met frequently in September, about Michaelmas Day, but from St. Thomas' Day, 1597, when the School Statutes were made, they seem to have favoured the 21st December as the best for their assemblies. On 21st December, 1683, they passed a resolution that none of their acts should be recognised as official, unless made on that day.

Mention has been already made of the Original School Stock. This money was used of course for the upkeep of the School—the Duchy "Rent" being usually set apart for the Usher's salary, while the rent-charge from Farnhill was set apart for the Master's stipend. Each year, about Michaelmas, money was lent out, on bond for double the amount, at a rate of 6 per cent.—occasionally rising to 8 per cent. or 9 per cent. The accounts, often rather tedious, still reflect the events of the day. During the Parliamentary wars, owing to the "distracted times," J. Swindlehurst, the Master, was "five rents" behind, and consequently received an allowance out of the stock. In William and Mary's reign the accountant pathetically complains that, owing to depreciation of silver, he loses about eight shillings of his £1 salary. There are gaps in the School accounts in 1608—10, 1613—15, 1642—5. In 1804, it is again stated that the Governors were short of money.

DISCIPLINE AND TEACHING

In the early days the Elizabethan School was divided into Grammarians and Petties, who were taught by a Master and an Usher. The Governors, four of them, or two at least, were required to present the boys to the Master, and were held responsible for the 'wadges' or dues for the whole year. The Governors were also to reprimand boys for irregular attendance at School, while the latter were ordered to be

decently apparelled and to be respectful in their behaviour to their Governors, and to pray that they and others might be moved to become benefactors of the School. Occasionally, when emergency occurred, the older Grammarians were allowed to teach the Petties. The older boys studied Latin, Greek, and perhaps Hebrew, as well as arithmetic, geometry, cosmography and casting of accounts. The examinations consisted of a public performance where Disputations were held, in accordance with the spirit of the age. The Statutes of the School are given on p. 72. They are written by a scribe who was evidently not deeply learned himself. Some of the books of the School were chained, and legacies were occasionally given in book form. Eighteen books were bought at a cost of £6 3s. under Vicar Clayton's care, in 1649, and further purchases were made at cost of 31s. and 16s. in 1657, 1678, and again in 1701.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The first School was held in the Chapel of Our Lady on the south side of the Parish Church. This chapel seems to have fallen into the possession of the Derby family because of the manorial rights granted to Thomas, first Earl, for his services to Henry VII. He had obtained the estates forfeited by Sir Robert Harrington of Hornby, lord of Balderston, together with portions of the Samlesbury Manor, and others, *e.g.*, in Walton and Eccleshill. The Talbots of Bashall and Holt (Rishton) afterwards disputed the right to this same chapel, against the Talbots of Salesbury, and as late as 1611 it was, by award of the Bishop of Chester, divided between the Talbots and the Walmysleys Dunkenhalgh, who had lately bought the Rishton interest.

Little can be found out about the first exclusively School building. It must have been a poor structure, standing on the south-east side of the old Church, and north of the present one. It was probably built soon after 1567, and largely restored after the Parliamentary wars, when it suffered much

from the ravages of soldiers. "Repairs" are a constantly recurring item. We learn that "butchering of flesh" took place in the School grounds, that arms were stored there—probably for the Elizabethan militia, that there was a Governors' room, an upper and lower school-room. Two bays of the School were mossed round in 1653. In the plan of the churchyard made for the re-building purposes in 1819, the Grammar School site is shown as covering 246 square yards as compared with the Vicarage, with 110 square yards. The Trustees for building the present Parish Church purchased the School site for £850, and the buildings were demolished in 1820. From then to 1826 a schoolroom was hired in Market Street Lane, while the new buildings, near St. Peter's Church, were in course of erection. The present site of the School in West Park Road was entered upon in 1883.

MASTERS AND USHERS

Reference has been made to the first two Masters of the School, each in his capacity of Chantry Priest. From 1567 to 1584 we learn no Master's name, but the accounts tell us that, at any rate in 1584, one R. Wilson was Master, and was succeeded by Mr. Yates. The latter was teacher of Robert Bolton of Brookhouse (son of Adam Bolton, the Governor), an eminent Puritan author, of James Anderton, one of the Andertons of Lostock, "a strong Papist" author, and perhaps of Henry Ainsworth of Pleasington, again son of a prominent Governor of 1567, the "Brownist" divine and writer. The State Papers of 1591 tell us that in Lancashire "no house was worse than Mr. Yates', the Schoolmaster at Blackburn," whose wife, daughter and maid are recusants, the last-named having "done much hurt among the scholars." Yates was known to have harboured a "papist recusant priest," while from the same source we learn names of five of his pupils who had fled beyond the seas, because of their complicity in the Counter-Reformation.

Richard Rysheton, who was Usher from 1597 to 1613, was a son of Ralf Rysheton, Esquire, of Pouthalgh, near Rishton,

and apparently received more than the £10 salary usually paid to the Usher. He acted as agent and accountant, at times, for the Governors. Upon his death in 1613, the salary attached to the post was reduced to £10, and it may be noted that Robert Osbaldeston, B.A., who succeeded, very soon resigned, no actual cause being given, but the minutes show that he would have retained his place if the Governors had so desired, but they did not, and Richard Welshman, elected in 1619, never presented himself to take up his duties. One feels that during this period money must have been hard to collect, but it is not quite clear whether want of money or the religious difficulty was the more prominent in actuating the Governors' policy. Richard Bradley, another Usher, was deprived for "recusancie" in 1641, though he was not ill-treated by the Governors, as may be readily imagined, since that body contained the names of several who were strong partisans of the un-reformed religion—indeed the Walmysleys, at Dunkenhalth, were allowed to maintain a Romish priest, and did so until after the days of Thomas Tyldesley, the diarist. John Swindlehurst, the Master who was appointed during the year of Bradley's dismissal, had to enter into bond for £300, to resign his post if required to do so by a certain number of the Governors, and again in 1642, the new Usher, Richard Morres, was appointed "uppon tryal of his behavior, for which he hath geven bonde." In this year Strafford was beheaded, and Archbishop Laud was in prison.

During Swindlehurst's term of office the Parliamentary wars began. In 1642 the Governors met twice, but no accounts were presented. It was merely stated that the Master could not receive his wage, "the tymes being soe distracted." A short meeting, held on 21st December, 1643, recorded that the Farnhill rent was three years behind, and £10 was voted for the Master out of the School Stock. In 1644, the accountant, Adam Boulton, refers back to December, 1641, and a small allowance was again made to the Master. At the same time some considerable repairs were sanctioned. A new School chest was made, probably the one now in

existence, windows were renewed, "being in ill frame, beeing broaken by the souldiers." In the same year's minutes the accountant records that Jenkin Gillibrande was taken "with all his Cattel in tyme of war, his beastes loste, he paid his Ransome to the Armie, Returned home and died, soe I looked for noe Rente." The next January (1644-5) the Master was paid £25 out of stock, as he was "fyve Rents beehinde." Roger Whaley, the Mellor tenant, paid £2 10s. this year in lieu of his full rent, namely £10, having had to repair damages done to his fences. In order to recover the Farnhill rent the Governors had to enter the estate under the "nomine penae" clause and distrain some cattle, but they could not get possession of the animals until some minor siege was raised. The arrears of rent were recovered in July, 1646, and the Master's salary was then paid in full.

In 1666 Charles Segar or Sagar was compelled to resign, after a Mastership of eleven years, because of his Nonconformity, but he received payments for services from the Governors in 1669. He became a Dissenting Preacher and Teacher, and was imprisoned in Lancaster Castle for six months. He died in February, 1698. John Oddie, who succeeded in 1670, was styled by Dr. Charles Leigh, in his "Natural History of Lancashire," "the ingenious and learned." His learning perhaps may be taken for granted, but his ingenuity is explained in the School accounts, from which he appears to have been a builder, glazier and joiner, and to have been paid as such by the Governors. The Parish Register states that he was buried "three yards deep." It was probably George Smith, B.A., Headmaster (1705-1721) who taught W. Grimshaw, who became Vicar of Haworth, and was Wesley's friend. His biographer states, somewhat prematurely, that Haworth would scarcely be known if it were not for the name of its "pious and zealous" Grimshaw. The next minister but one was Patrick Brontë! Thomas Hunter, of Queen's College, Oxford, appointed in 1737, was reputed to "have the best School at Blackburne of any gentleman in the County." He was an author of some

note. The first Sir Robert Peel is said to have been educated at the School, as it would appear, under George Smith and Thomas Holme.

In November, 1807, the Governors ordered that the Master's salary should not be paid unless he resigned. The Rev. James Holme's offence was that he had absented himself from the month of August to November of that year. His resignation was tendered at the December meeting, and he received his stipend.

During the Headmastership of the Rev. J. B. Bennett (1845—1855) a curious difficulty arose. Mr. Bennett was a staunch classic, but the parents of the boys desired some admixture of more modern studies. The Headmaster was unwilling to make concessions, and fell back upon the Charter and its advocacy of the teaching of "Grammar" as he interpreted it. Correspondence in the local papers, and complaints to the Governors followed, and parents began to withdraw their sons from the School. So high did feeling run that there are people living to-day who can remember the figure of the Master opening the doors of the School for boys who never came. The Governors desired the Master to resign, but he declined. They then appointed a Committee to enquire into their powers of dismissal, and, though the custom indicated by their old book showed that each Master was appointed "so long as the Governors like well of," or "till further order," their hearts failed them. They then proposed to engage a highly-salaried second Master, to win the confidence which the Head did not possess. This plan fell through. The Head demanded £2,000 for compensation, his legal adviser, who wrote from the West of England, being engaged in a similar case at another Grammar School. Eventually the matter was compromised, the Headmaster received £700 compensation, and his place was taken by Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, who held the post from 1855 to 1894, and helped considerably to secure a better site for the old School.

It will be seen from the records that the School is now in the 400th year of its existence, and it is appropriate that Edward George, 17th Earl of Derby, should consent to be present at the meeting to be held on St. Thomas' Day, 1909, since his forelder founded the Chantry School wherein the scholars were instructed to pray for the souls of the first Earl, Thomas, and of George, his son.

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[EDITOR'S NOTE]

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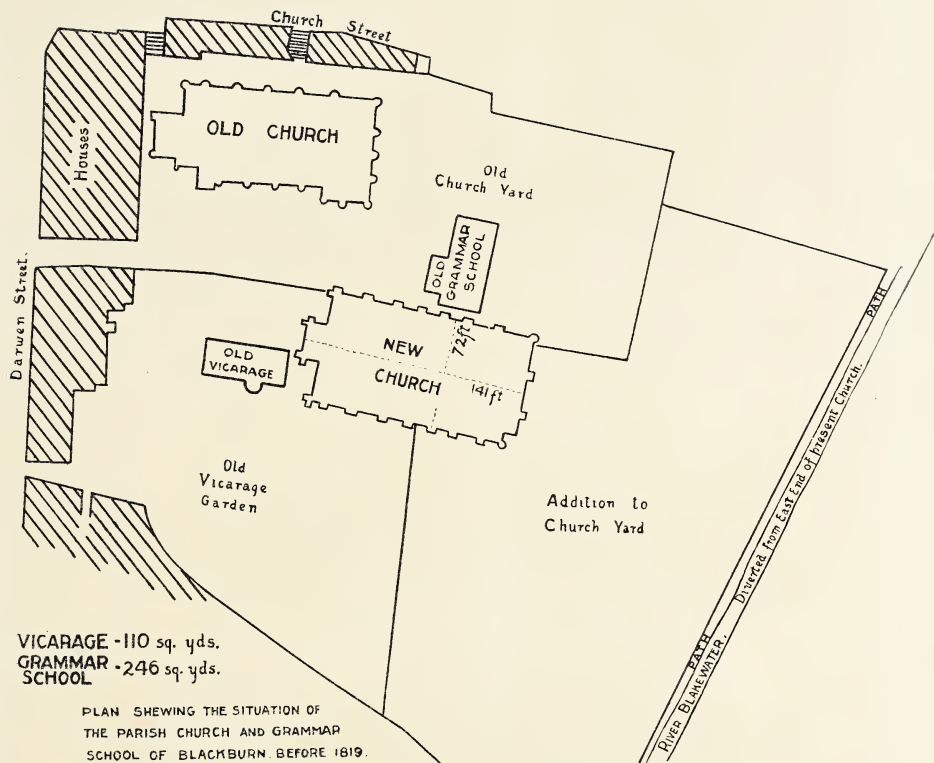
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to all of which the Editor acknowledges his indebtedness.

The order of the papers as bound in the Second Minute Book, has been preserved, but it is clear that they are not in chronological succession. An attempt has been made to preserve the quaintness of the spelling of the old writers, though many abbreviations have been extended. The Editor has found it difficult to know where to stop in giving notes and details as to persons and places of local fame. He has received valuable help from Mr. W. S. Weeks, of Clitheroe.



Records of Blackburn School.

[FOUNDATION DEED OF CHANTRY & SCHOOL IN THE PARISH
CHURCH OF BLACKBURN, BY THOMAS, 2ND EARL OF DERBY.]

I.

1514.

This Indenture tripartite made Betwen the Ryghte Honorable Lorde Thomas Erle of Derby Lorde Stanley and Straunge on the oon partye And the Churche Maesters or Church Reves of the parochie Churche of Blakebourne in the Countie of Lancastre now beyng for the holl parochyens of the said parochie and in thaire name on the other partye Witnessith that where the said Church Reves and parochyens have purchased certan lands tenements and hereditaments parcell freholde and the remnaunt of coplehold and custome lands within the counties of Lancastre and Yorke particulerly specified in a scedule of a Rentall therof annexed unto these present indenturs as by certen evidences concernyng the premisses more pleyntyly doth appeare toward the sustentacion of a chauntre to be made founded and establysshed to continue for euer in the chapelle of our blessed Ladye on the south syde of the said parochie church of Blakebourne And also whereas the said Thomas Erle of Derby of his blessed and charitable mynde and for the zeele and gudde luff that he hath and berith to the said parochie hath giffen certen of his cople holde and custome lands cald the Ryggehey lying in Brunleye in the said Countie of Lancastre now in the holdyng of one William Hyrstwode the elder of the yerely rente and value of xiiij s. ouer all charges as by surrendre in the Kyngs Court of the Wapyntake of Blakeborneshire emonge other thyngs more playntyly doth appere to the makyng up and fulfillyng oute of sufficient lands and tenements to the susten-

tation of the said chauntre in the said parochie Church of Blakebourne for euer All whiche lands and tenements afore rehersed as well frehold as copyehold be or shalbe sufficiently and surely conveyd to the lefull estate and possession of the said Erle of Derby and giffen by and from the said Erle of Derby to John Yorke George Cowburne Rauff Wadyngton Rauff Crichelaw Henry Felden William Issherwode Cristophor Marsden Richard Crosse William Holden Roger Whalley Cristophor Bolton Richard Hawkesagh to have the premisses that is to saye all the aforesaid lands and tenements of freehold to theym and to their heirs for euer And all the said copiehold and custume lands to thaym and to their heires aftur the copye of the Courte Rolles and the custume of the lordshippes or manors wherein the said custume lands and tenements lyen to the use and entent of the sustentacion of the said chauntre and of a chauntre priest of the same to contynue for euer accordyng to certen couenants graunts ordenances and articles heraftur ensuyng concernyng the establisshyng and foundation of the same chauntre Hit is now couenanted graunted accordyd and agreyd by these presents betwen the partyes aboue said for theym their heires and successors for euer concerninge the ordenance foundation and establisshement of the said chauntre and chauntre prest of the same from hensforth successiue hereafter to continue for euer in the manere and forme foloyng That is to wete Fyrst that the said Thomas Erle of Derby and his heires for euer shalbe Founders of the said chauntre and patrons of the said chauntre prests there And shall haue the nominacion makyng and puttyng in of all the said chauntre prests ther for euer And that the said Erle within xx dayes next after the date of these presents by hys writyng under his sealle shall name and make Sir Edmond Bolton* chauntre prest of the said chauntre And to hym giff the said chauntre with all the londs belongyng to the same To haue and inioye the same chauntre and lands to the said Sir Edmond duryng his liff in sekenes and in helth the said prest servyng

* "Clarke" is inserted here in the copy.

the said chauntre accordyng to this present ordenance and foundation And that the said Erle and his heires within xx dayes next after that he or thaye shall haue knowlege of the deces of the said Sir Edmond or of any other next avoydance of the said chauntre by resignacion amovacion pryuacion surrender or otherwise from the said parochyens shall name make and putte in by thair writyng another honest seculer prest and no regular suffyciently lerned in gramer and playn song if any such can be gettyn that shall kepe contenually a Free Gramer Scole and maynten and kepe the oon side of the quere as oon man maye in his surplys every holy daye thorough the yere to be chauntre prest there duryng his liff And in lyke wise within xx dayes aftur euery auoydaunz of the said chauntre by deth resignacion amocion priuacion surrendre or other wise of euery other chauntre prest there and aftur knowlegge therof giffen to the said Erle and his heires That the said Erle of Derby and hys heires for euer shall by thair writyng under thaire sealle name make and putt in another able seculer prest sufficiently lerned in gramer and playn song that shall kepe a Free Gramer Scole continually in Blakebourne aforsaid and shall maynten the oon syde of the quere in the said paroche church of Blakebourne to his power euery holy daye at the tyme of all devyne service there And if it fortune at any avoydaunce of any chauntre prest there hereafter as is aforsaid that noo seculer prest can be feunden that is able and sufficiently lerned in gramer and playn song there to serue and do as is aforsaid That then the said Erle and his heires shall name make and putt in within xx dayes then next foloyng another able seculer prest that is experte and can syng both priksonge and playnsonge and hath a syght in discant* if any such can be gettyn which shall teache a Free Songe Scole in Blakebourne aforsaid and allso shall kepe the quere in the said paroche Church of Blakebourn euery holydaye thorough the yer at the tyme of all diuine service kept there And if no such prest can be gettyn then the said Erle and his heirs to name and make suche another able seculer prest to be

* Discant, the answering of quick notes in one part unto a slower measure in the other part ("The New World of Words," London, 1678.)

chauntre prest there as the church wardens there for the tyme beyng shall thynke that shall be most sufficient for the mayntenance of the quere and dyvyne seruice in the said church and to kepe awther a Free Gramer or a Songe Scolle continually there And if the said Erle nere his heirs putt in no such chauntre prest there acordyng as is afore rehersed within the tyme afore lymityd that then the said church wardens for the tyme beyng shall provide pytt in and make a graunte of the said chauntre and lands for every such tyme only to a lyke able seculer prest as is aforesaid to serve the said chauntre for terme of his lyff without interruption of the said Erle or of his heires Allso it is agreed betwen the said parties that none of the said chauntre prests shall aliene or putte awaye giff bargan or sell his estate or any parcell therof of the said londs and tenements ne any other juell ornament or any other thyng pertenynge or belongynge to the said chauntre nere that any of the said prests shall be paroch prests there or take any other cure or charge upon hym other then accordynge to this present ordenance and fundacion of the said chauntre savyng allwayes if it happen any chauntre prist there to take any money or other profett to saye any trentall or trentalls or otherwise to praye for any saule or saules otherwise then is specefied in this present fundacion that then euere of thaym that take any such money or profett shall paye and bestowe the oon halfe therof toward the reparacion or makynge of the ornaments or other thyng necessare for the said chauntre by the ouersight and assent or apoyntment of the said church Reues there for the tyme beyng Allso it is agreed ordered and establisshed by the said parties by these presents that the said Sir Edmund Bolton and every other chauntre prest of the said chauntre after hym for euer shall in all thaire masses dayly pray especially by name* for the saules of Thomas Erle of Derby late decessed and my Lady Eleanor his wiff and George Stanley Lord Straunge and my Lady Jane his wiff and thair childur And* for the prosperous estate of the said

* Interlined in original ; omitted in copy.

Erle of Derby and of my Lady of Derby his wiff and for thair yssu and posterytye for euer And furthermore for the welfare of all the parochyens of the said parochie and of all other which haue ben benefactors helpers assisters or contributors to the purchasynge of any lands juells or ornament or other thyng appurteynyge to the said chauntre whikke and dede and for all crystion saules And that euery of the said chauntre prests there for euer euery Sonday and holy day in the yere aftur the offertory of the masse shall torne hym to the peple and exorte thaym to praye for all the persons and saules aforsaid and euere of the said chauntre prists there and then shall saye for all the said persons and for thair soules the salme of de profundis with a pater noster and an Aue Maria and with especiall suffrages aftur and seuerall coletts as well for the wikke as for the deed ather by thaym selfe And also that euere of the said chauntre prests there for ever shall synge or saye masse in the said chauntre chapell of our Lady euery holy daye and also euere Saturdaye shall synge masse of our Lady with note And forther that euere of the said chauntre prests there and his scolers and other suche as maye be gettyn at iiij seuerall tymes in the yere for euer That is to wete onys euere quarter of a yere shall synge a solempne dirige for the soules aforsaid upon suche holy dayes as the Church Reves of the said paroch for the tyme beyng or the said Erle and his heires shall assigne and apoynte the said chauntre presste so to do And also on the morow next aftur euery such dirige sunge or said the said chauntre prests for the same saules shall synge a masse of requiem with note And that euere suche chauntre prest there for euer shall euere Wednesdaye or fridaye saye masse of Jhesu or of the fyve wounds of our Lord Jhesu Crist in the said chauntre chapell And forther all other dayes in the weke shall say masse as ofte as he maye or can conueniently be well disposed therto And that euere of the said chauntre prests there shall synge or saye his masses aforsaid in the said chauntre chapell abowte viij of the klokke afornone in the somer tyme That is to saye from

Estur to Michaelmas And in wynter tyme and all other tymes of the yere abowte ix of the klokke afornone And that for euere defawte or necligens of any of the said chauntre prests in any of the premisses without sufficient or lefull excuse the chauntre prest so offendyng to forfet and paye iiijd to be receyved of the said offendur by the said church Reves or by the assent of the said chauntre prests of the issues and profetts of the said lands and tenements afor appoynted for the sustentacion of the said chauntre And all the same forefeturs to go and be bestowed toward the reparacion of the ornaments of the said chauntre Also it is agreed by the said parties that at such tyme as hit shall happyn all the said Feoffes of the said londs and tenements afor apoynted for the sustentacion and mayntenynge of the said chauntre except iiij or iij at the lest to deceasse that then euere of the said chauntre prests then and ther beyng shall make diligent laburre to cause other xij of the most honest men of the said paroche to be named by the said Church Reves there for the tyme beyng if they can agree theron to be feoffes of the premisses and to stonde seased therof acordyng as the said fyrst feoffes dydde and elles the said new feoffes to be named by the said Church Wardyns by the ouersight and orderyng of the said Erle of Derby and of his heires to stonde and be seased of all the said londs and tenements to the use of the sustentacion of the said chauntre and chauntre prests there for euer to be named appoynted and ordered as is aforsaid That is to saye of the frehold londs by dede and delyuery of seeson thereupon to be made And of the said cople hold and custumare lands by surrender and avoidancy and fyne of the same custumare londe of the lords by the Cople of the Courte rolle And so the feoffes of the premisses continually for euer to be ordered And xij newe Feoffes to be made and renewed accordyng to the ordurr and entente aforsaid as ofte as it shall happyn all the residue of the said feoffes except iij or iiij to deceasse And that all of the said chauntre prests there named made and putt in as is aforsaid shall at thair fyrst entre and admission therunto by the said

Church Reves be sworne opon a boke afor the said Church Reves truly to do observe and kepe fulfill and performe all and euery of the premisses withoute any willfull brekyng of the same In wittnesse wherof to euery parte of these present Indenturs tripartite wherof oon parte shall remayn with the said Erle and his heires and another parte therof shall remayne with the said Church Reves for the tyme beyng and the thridde parte in the custodie of the said chauntre prests successiuele for euer as well the said Erle of Derby as the said Church Reves now there beyng by the holl and free assents of the most parte of all the parochyens of the said paroche of Blakebourne haue sett thaire sealls Geven at Lathum the iiijth daye of Aprill in the yere of the Incarnacion of our Lord Jhesu Crist a thousand fyve hundereth and fourtene and in the vth yere of the regn of Kyng Henry the eghte.

Rauff Wadynton. Rauff Crichelawe. Henry Felden.

[Seals gone.]

[Endorsed :]

Exhibit in Visitatione Regis}
Et regestrat per me Edouardum }
Plankeney. }
E x P 15..

[Marginal notes :]

Exhibyted to the Kings Vysitors & registred.

This composicion was made anno quinto H.8. and it appereth that abowt vij yeres after viz. anno duodecimo H.8. Thomas Duckisburie sone & heire of Utred Duckisburie, dyd for the some of money mencioned in the Indenture of Bargayne & Sayle therof dated vjth die Aprils also bargayned & solde to James Whitalgh Rauff Waddington George Cowburne Rauff* Crychelaw &* Feilden one close or parcell

* Words struck out here.

of land in Lyvesey to them & their heires & made a deede of feffment thereof to the said persons and their heires . . die Aprilis And by this use and intent they were owners of this & if these purchasors did not appoint or gyve it to the Chauntrye, the right of this land remayneth in the hands purchasors & may be conveyed to the Schoole.

[Endorsed :] This is endorsed on the Foundation and the Visitors were Sir Johne Hershey and Doctor Younge with others.
Exhibitum in visitatione Regis & Regestrat per me Edouardum Plankeney E P 1547.*
An° R. Regis Eduard° 6. 2.*

2.

CHARTER OF QUEEN ELIZABETH, 8 AUG., 1567.

Elizabeth Dei Gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina Fidei Defensor etc Omnibus ad quos presentes literae pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos ad humilem petitionem tam Inhabitancium ville et parochie de Blackbourne in Comitatu nostro Lancastrie quam aliorum quamplurimorum Subditorum nostrorum tocius patrie ibidem vicine nobis pro Scola grammaticali ibidem erigenda et stabilienda pro institutione et instruccione puerorum et juvenum De gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus concedimus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus quod decetero sit et erit una Scola grammaticalis in dicta villa de Blackbourne que vocabitur libera Scola grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth pro educacione institutione et instruccione puerorum et juvenum in grammatica perpetuis temporibus futuris duratura Ac Scolam illam de uno Magistro seu Pedagogo et uno Subpedagogo sive hipodidasculo pro perpetuo continuaturam erigimus creamus ordinamus et

* If these dates are correct the visitation and registration took place between 29th January and 24th March, 1547-8, *i.e.*, 1548, modern style.

fundamus per presentes Et ut intencio nostra predicta meliorem capiat effectum et ut terre tenementa redditus reven-
ciones et alia ad sustentacionem Scolę predictę concedenda
assignanda et appunctuanda melius gubernentur pro con-
tinuacione ejusdem volumus et ordinamus quod decetero in
perpetuum sint et erunt infra villam et parochiam de Black-
bourne predicta quinquaginta homines de discreciõibus et
magis probioribus Inhabitantibus vel liberis tenentibus
earundem ville et parochie pro tempore existentibus qui
erunt et vocabuntur Gubernatores possessionum revencionum
et bonorum dicte libere Scolę vulgariter vocate et vocabuntur
Gubernatores possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte
libere Scolę vulgariter vocate et vocande libere Scolę gram-
maticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne in Comitatu
Lancastrie Et ideo Sciatis quod nos assignavimus elegimus
nominavimus et constituimus ac per presentes assignamus
elegimus nominamus et constituimus Dilectum nobis
Gilbertum Gerrard Armigerum Attornatum nostrum gene-
ralem ac Dilectos nobis Thomam Langton Militem Johannem
Southworth Militem Thomam Hesketh Militem Willelmum
Ratcliff Militem Johannem Osboldiston Armigerum Henricum
Talbot Armigerum Johannem Talbot Armigerum
Robertum Barton Armigerum Willelmum ffarrington Armi-
gerum Radulphum Bissheton* Armigerum et Johannem
Braddell Armigerum ac Johannem Hulton Clericum Vicar-
ium de Blackbourne predicta Necnon Ricardum Lyvesaye
Generosum Laurencium Ainsworthe Generosum Georgium
Astley Generosum Robertum Morley Generosum Willelmum
Clayton Generosum Robertum Asterden Generosum Thomam
Walmysley Generosum Alexandrum Osboldson Generosum
Johannem Isherwoode Jacobum Whittalge Jacobum Gar-
stange Thomam Holden Evanum Holden Robertum Bolton
Ricardum Cunlyff Thomam Gelibrande Thurstanum Maudes-
ley Willelmum Dewerst Willelmum Barker Cristoferum
Mersden Robertum Warde Robertum Waddington Ricardum
Page Willelmum Page Johannem Cowbrande° Henricum

* *i.e.* Rissheton.

° Or Cowburn, of Ediholes.

Mersden Johannem Linnolls Nicholaum Ducksburye Rogerum Gelibrande Nicholaum Heyworth Thomam Whitaulghe Georgium Asheton Johannem Hodgeson* Alexandrum Bolton Ricardum Edleston Adam Bolton et Ranulphum ffielden Inhabitantes ac liberi tenentes dicte ville et parochie de Blackbourne fore et esse primos et modernos Gubernatores possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte libere Scole grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne in Comitatu Lancastrie ad idem officium bene et fideliter exercendum et occupandum a data presentium durante vita eorum et eorum diucius viventium Et quod iidem Gubernatores in re facto et nomine decetero sint et erunt unum corpus corporatum et politicum de se in perpetuum per nomen Gubernatorum possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scola grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne in Comitatu Lancastrie incorporatum et erectum Ac ipsos Gubernatores etc. per presentes incorporamus Ac corpus corporatum et politicum per idem nomen in perpetuum duraturum realiter et ad plenum creamus erigimus ordinamus facimus et constituimus per presentes Et volumus ac per presentes ordinamus et concedimus quod iidem Gubernatores possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scole grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne in Comitatu Lancastrie habeant successionem perpetuam et per idem nomen sint et erunt persone habiles et in lege capaces ad perquirendum recipiendum capiendum et possidendum Dominica maneria terras tenementa redditus reversiones decimas possessiones revenciones et hereditamenta quecunque cujuscunque sint generis nature seu speciei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate Necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et assignandum easdem terras tenementa et hereditamenta ac ad omnia et singula alia facta et res faciendas et exequendas per nomen predictum Et quod per nomen Gubernatorum possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere Scole grammaticalis Elizabeth Regine in Blackbourne in Comitatu Lancastrie plitare et implitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque Curiis placeis et

* He lived till 1593. See p. 63.

locis ac coram quibuscunque Judicibus et Justiciariis ac aliis personis et Officiariis nostris in omnibus et singulis accionibus sectis querelis causis materiis et demandis quibuscunque cujuscunque sint generis nature seu speciei eisdem modo et forma prout alii ligei nostri Anglie persone habiles et in lege capaces plitare et implitari respondere et responderi defendere et defendi ac habere perquirere recipere possidere dare concedere et dimittere valeant et possint Et quod predicti Gubernatores et successores sui decetero in perpetuum habeant commune Sigillum pro causis et negociis suis quibuscunque ac successorum suorum agendis servitutum Et ulterius concedimus ordinamus et decernimus per presentes quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos dictorum quinquaginta Gubernatorum pro tempore existentium mori quod tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit aliis dictorum Gubernatorum superviventium vel maiori parti eorundem ad tunc infra dictam villam et parochiam de Blackbourne comorantium et inhabitantium aliam idoneam personam vel alias idoneas personas de inhabitantibus vel liberis tenentibus ville et parochie de Blackbourne predicta in locum vel locos sic morientis sive morientium in dicto officio Gubernatorum successurum eligere et nominare Et hoc tociens casus sic acciderit Et ulterius de uberiori gracia nostra ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus et successoribus suis ac maiori parti eorundem plenam potestatem et auctoritatem nominandi et appunctuandi Pedagogum et Subpedagogum Schule predictae tociens quociens eadem Scola de Pedagogo vel Subpedagogo vacua fuerit Et quod ipsi Gubernatores pro tempore existentes de tempore in tempus faciant et facere valeant et possint idonea et salubria statuta et ordinationes in scriptis concernentia et tangentia preservacionem et disposicionem reddituum et revencionum ad sustentacionem ejusdem scole appunctuandorum tangentia et concernentia Que quidem statuta et ordinationes sic fienda volumus concedimus et per presentes precipimus inviolabiliter observari de tempore in tempus in perpetuum Et ulterius

Sciatis quod nos in consideracione quod dicti Gubernatores dicte libere Scolæ grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne in Comitatu Lancastrie et successores sui onera ejusdem Scolæ ac Pedagogi et Subpedagogi inde de tempore in tempus melius sustineant et supportent De gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte libere Scolæ grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne predicta et successoribus suis licenciam specialem liberamque et licitam facultatem potestatem et auctoritatem habendi recipiendi et perquirendi eis et eorum successoribus in perpetuum tam de nobis heredibus successoribus quam de aliis quibuscunque personis et alia persona quacunque maneria messuagia terras tenementa Rectorias decimas aut alia hereditamenta quecunque infra regnum Anglie seu alibi infra dominaciones nostras que non tenentur de nobis immediate in capite Dummodo non excedant clarum annum valorem triginta librarum prefatis Gubernatoribus et successoribus suis ut prefertur per nos in forma predicta concessa Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto actu ordinatione seu provisione aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in contrarium inde habita facta ordinata seu provisã in aliquo non obstante Et volumus ac per presentes concedimus prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus quod habeant et habebunt has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum provide quoquo modo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de aliquo alio valore vel certitudine premissorum sive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos sive per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefatis modernis Gubernatoribus possessionum revencionum et bonorum dicte libere Scolæ grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackbourne predicta et predecessoribus suis ante hec tempora factis in presentibus

minime facta existit Aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione provisione proclamacione sive restriccionem inde in contrarium factis editis ordinatis sive provisus Aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste meipsa apud Goramburye^o octavo die Augusti anno regni nostri nono.

per breve de privato sigillo et de data
predicta auctoritate parlamenti. BUGGYN.

3.

1582.

(Endorsed, Mr. Godfraye.)

To the Right Honorable Sir Rauf Sadlier Knight.

In moste humble wyse besechyng & compleynyng shewe unto your Honour your dayly orators Richard Lyvesey Laurence Aynsworth George Astley gentylmen & dyverse other the Inhabytants of the towne & parysshe of Blakeburne in the countye of Lancastre that whereas upon mater of varyance lately dependyng byfore the late Chancellor and Council of the honorable court* bytwene Richard Lyvesey Laurence Aynsworth George Astley & others compleynants & Rauf Grenacres Nycholas Halstead Olyver Halstead Thurstan Mawdesley & Wm. Smythson† defendants of for & concernyng the right tytle and interest of the possession of certen meases lands tenements and heredytaments with thappertanances of the nature of copyholde sette lyeing & being in Sladeburne in the county of Yorke parcell of the possessions of the Quenes excelent Maiesties possessions of her Highnes Duchy of Lancastre in the severall tenures & occupacions of one Thomas Parkynson Alyce Parkynson wydow & Wm. Smytheson holden of the Quens Maiesties manor of Sladeburne within the countye of Yorke And of for & concernyng the right tytle & interest of the possession of certain meases lands tenements & herydytaments with

^o Residence of Sir Nicholas Bacon.

* The late Chancellor and Council of the Court of Augmentations. See "Calendar of Pleadings of Duchy of Lancaster," Vol. III., p. 130.

† First written Symson.

thappertances of the nature of copyholde sette lyeing & being in Burnley & Padyham within the county palentyne of Lancastre holden of the said quenes excellent Majestyes manor of Ightynhill in the sayd county of Lancastre parcell of her Highnes possessions of her Maiesties Duchye of Lancastre now or late in the severall tenures of Xpofer Dodgeson Richard Baron & the late wif of Edward Smyth deceased And also for & concernyng the right tittle & interest to the possessions of certain meases lands tenements and heredytaments with thappertenances of the nature of copyholde sette lyeing & being in Blakeburne aforesaid in the sayd countye of Lancastre holden of her Maiesties manor of Clytheraw in the sayd county of Lancastre now or late in the severall tenures of Thomas Whyteaugh & Rauf Sudell And in theyr sayd Byll of compleynt alledged the same to be assured & conveyed in the First yere of the reygne of the late noble & famous Kyng Henry theight to one John Yorke George Colburne & (dyverse other) theyr cofeoffees & to theyr heyres according to the custome of the same severall manors & to theyre seynes according to the custom of the severall manors and thintent that the sayd John Yorke George Colburne and theyre cofeoffes shulde stand & be seased to the use & entent therewith to fynde for ever for the tyme being one honest preist suffycyently lerned in gramer & playne songe especyallye & chiefly to kepe a free gramer scole in the towne of Blackburne in the county of Lancastre as by one Indenture of composycion & agreement for the stablisshyng & foundation thereof suffycyent in the law it doth & may more playnly appere By vertue wherof the sayd free gramer scole hath been contynually meynteyned & founded there ever synce the same fundacion & establisshement of the same And many poore scolers to the number of seven scoore at the leest there yerely at the sayd Free Scoole instructed & taught accordingly from tyme to tyme by vertue whereof the sayd John Yorke George Colburne and theyr cofeoffes were of the premisses with thappertenances seased in theyr desmene as of fee according to the custome of the

sayd severall manors And the sayde John Yorke & George Colburne & all others theyr sayde cofeffees except the sayd George Colburne dyed & and the sayd George theym survyved and overlyved.

And after now of late at the severall courts holden byfore Sir Thomas Talbot Knight* by vertue of her gracious writte of warrant and commaundement to hym dyrected to take the surrender of the sayd George Colburne of & in the premisses to dyverse other persons & to theyr heys according to the sayd Fundacion By vertue whereof the sayd George Colburne so being of the premisses seased dyd convey & assure the same premisses with thappurtenances in the courts of the sayd severall manors according to the custome of the sayd manors in open court unto the sayd complainants & to theyr heyres By force whereof the sayd complainants were of the premisses with thappertenances lawfully seased in theyr desmenes as of fee accordiing to the custome of the sayd severall manors as more playnly by the dede witnessyng the sayd fundacion in the sayd court shewed fourth it doth & may more playnly appere wherein It was ordred and provyded alwayes that the sayd Scole and Scole master be & shulde be from tyme to tyme maynteyned & kept there for the instruccion and teachyng of scolers and yonghe in gramer according to the tenor & true meanyng of the sayd Fundacion & ordynance with the yerely rents revenues and profytts of the premisses as more playnly by the same order exemplefyed under the Quenes Maiesties Seale of her Highnes court of her Duchy of Lancastre it doth & may appere So it is Right Honorable good Master that dyverse court rolls evydences & writyngs concernyng the premisses with appertenances of right apperteynyng to your sayd orators be casually comen to the hands custody & possessions of John Page Wm. Smythson Thomas Proctor Edward Parkynson Wm. Banester & Wm. Batersbye in the county of Yorke to one Richard Goodshaw of Clytheraw in the sayd county of Lancastre Thurstan Mawdesley of Blakeburne aforesayd John Halsted of Rolley of the parisshe of Burnley in the sayd countye of Lancastre

* *He died in 1558.*

and Nycholas Halsteed of Padyham in the sayd countye of Lancastre who by color of havynge of the same court Rolles evydences & writyngs concernyng the premisses with thapertences have of covetousnes devysed & conspyred with the consents of the sayd tenants & inhabytants of & upon the premisses to spoyle the sayd fre scole contrary to right equitye & good conscyence whereby the rents issues and profytts of the premisses with appertences be by craft covyn and deceyt withholden & drawen from the behove and use of the sayd scole master agaynst all right equitye & conscyence & to the distruction of the good educacion of scolers in vertue & lernyng that pytye it is to see consyderyng the place very fytted for that purpose & the people of the same parisshe very populous It may therefor please your Honour for the love of God to see reformation of the same And for asmoche as your sayd orators be but feoffees of trust & have no remedy by thordynary course of law to reforme the same And also for asmoche as your sayd orators knowe not the certenty of the same copyes of court rolls evydences & writyngs It may therefor please your Honour to graunt the Quenes gracious writte of Injunccon to be directed not only to the sayd tenants to pay theyr rents with the arerage but also the sayd intrudors afore named to permytte & suffre the sayd rents issues and profitts of the sayd meases lands tenements and herytaments be & contynue according to the sayd Fundacion & order in this honorable court establisshed & also to be & personally to appeare at a certeyn day & under a great payne by your Honour to be lymyted then & there to stande to your Honours order according to right equitye & good conscyence And your sayd orators & the sayd scolers shall dayly pray to God for the Quenes excelent Maiestie her heyres & successors & and for the prousperous estate of your Honours & all theyr benefactors for ever and ever so longe as the same fre scole shall contynue & endure.

[Endorsed:]

The Byll of Richard Lyvesey & other for the fre scole of Blakeburne.

4.*

7 Feb. 1585.

LANSDOWNE MS. VOL. 46, No. 48.

The Quenes Maiestie hathe incorporated a Free grammar Schole in Blackburne in Lancashier called the free grammer Schole of Quene Elizabethhe in Blackburne and that they may purchase Lands not excedinge a certaine valewe.

Before this corporacion maide there was a schole there not incorporate And certaine Feoffees were seased of Coppyeholde lands parcell of the Quenes mannors to theme and their heirs To thintente to fynde a Schole master which shoulde be a pryeste and maynteyne the Quyeres and saye masses and direges for the Sowles of the founders.

Forasmuch as Coppyeholde landes which were in the handes of others then the Chauntrye Preestes are excepted owte of the Statute of Chauntries These landes were not taken from the feoffees by the Statute, but theye by warrante frome Kinge Phillypp and Quene Mary surrendered the same in 1^o & 2^o Phillippi et Marie to certaine newe feoffees and their heires to thytente to fynde a scholemaster at Blackburne and to thuse of a Schole to be kepte att Blackburne.

Accordinge to this warrante the newe feoffees were admytted to thuse of the Schole.

The newe Feoffees of Coppyeholde lands parcell of the Quenes Mannors haue exhibited their petition in the Duchie and haue humblie prayed that they may haue and enioye the Coppieholde landes to the use of the Schole, yf by lawe they owghte in righte to haue the said Lands.

Obieccyon. It ys objected by Mr. Attorney of the Duchie that howsoever the righte of the Feoffes be yet they may not haue the lands because they and dyverse other Copieholde landes in Lancashier were solde in 4^{to} E. 6. by Surrender

* Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 refer to the attempt made by the Governors to recover endowments taken from the Chantry and School by the Chantry Acts of Edward VI.

in the Copyholde Courte, And yf the Feoffees shoulde haue those lands, other feoffees wolde by lyke petycion take away all the other Copiholde Lands whiche were solde, and hinder the Quenes Maiestie.

Aunswere. To this firste parte it is aunswered that her Maiesties pleasure ys (as they thynke) that her subiects for her owne Schole shoulde of her owne landes haue Justiciam et rectum beinge claimed by them as their inheritance and allowed by her Maiestie and all her noble progenytors.

Secondlye the generall myschiffe of other Cases (alleged) dothe not extende to this Case because in this Case there was a good use for a free gramer Schole which was mente to be maynteyned by the Statute of Chauntries and not overthrowne and in the other Cases there be noe Scholes to be considered.

And in this Case there ys a newe admyttance of newe Feoffees and to thuse of a gramer schole and a decree accordinglye for the schole which is not in other Cases.

The Quenes Maiestie shall haue tholde rente of the Feoffees of the schole yerelie paide, and so noe loss to her Maiestie, and for the Fyne due to her Maiestie upon Surrenders or upon deathe yt is but a yeres rente, and the feoffees did lett yt by Surrender to the Tenants whoe paide Fynes and moste parte of all the Copieholders Lands there are usually putt in Feoffees hands and order hathe bene taken that notwithstandinge the Lorde shalbe aunswered of her Fyne which order the Feoffees will performe And these Feoffees for the schole are allredie by speciall warrante of Kinge Philipp and Quene Mary admytted and allowed And so that excepcion is not to be objected againste these Feoffees.

[Endorsed :]

7^o Feb. 1585.

The Case towching ye free schoole of Blackburne in Lancashire, with ye obiections awnswered.

[In another hand :]

An Answere to certein obiectiones mayde against the Quenes Scole of Blackburne in Lancashire.

5.

22 Feb. 1585.

LANSDOWNE MS. VOL. 46, No. 47.

The Estate of the Copiholde Lands claymed by the Feoffees
for the Mayntenance of the Scole of Blackborne.

It is trewe that her Maiestie hath incorporated a free
grammer scole in Blackborne with lycence to purchase Lands
to a certain value & hath appointed the nowe Master of the
Rowles to be one of the gouernors thereof & *there was not any
Chaunterie preist.**

And longe before the incorporacion of the saide scole
certain feoffees were seased of Copiholde Lands holden of her
Maiesties Mannor to thintent to maynteyne a Chaunterie
preist in the Church of Blackborne which preist should
teache a grammar scole & a songe scole (if such a one coulde
be had) if not then a songe scole And should saye Masse
& Diriges for the soule of the fownder of the saide Chaunterie
in the said church So as the Lands were geuen for the
mayntenance of a Chaunterie preist which preist should be
qualited as is aforesaide if such a one coulde be gotten & not
otherwise geuen for the mayntenance of a scole And ther
was not almost any Chaunterie preist in a manner but he was
tied and bounde to doe some godlie & lawfull things.

By the Statute made in primo Ed. vj^{ti} all Chaunteries
were dissolved & and the said Kinge in the iiijth yere of his
raigne did by his Commyssion commaunde that all such
Copihold Lands holden of his highnes should be seased into
his hands blaym[i]nge his officers which had suffered the
Copiholde Lands of his Mannors to be surrendered to such

* Inserted, and smeared while the ink was wet, intended to be struck out.

uses & such Corporacions whereby he was preiudiced in his fynes and inheritaunce and after seasure made to graunte them out againe by Copie to Sir Edwarde Warner Knight Henrie Savile & James Gardyner for reasonable fynes reseruinge the Auncient rent wheruppon seasure was made & the same graunted for Tenne yeres fyne which Copiholde Lands amounted to the value of fyve hundreth pounds a yere and aboue & is nowe dispersed amongst almost a thowsande persons who haue bene at charges in purchasinge of them and in buildinge uppon them.

All lords for the mo[st] parte of whome such Copiholde Lands (geven to such superstitious uses) were holden after the uses were inhibited did sease the saide Copiholde Lands & did dispose them at there pleasure.

There be seuerall Decrees made in the Duchie that the nowe Copiholders should enioye the saide Copihold lands as they have done sithence the saide seasure made by the saide Kinge Edwarde & the graunt made as aforesaide.

Sir Walter Myldmay Knight and Mr. Kellewaye by vertue of a Commission in Kinge Edwards tyme to them directed for the contynewinge of scoles & erectinge of scoles did allowe ^{iiijl} ^{vij}s ^{iiij}d yerelie for the better mayntenance of the scole in Blackborne which was as muche or more then was employed in that respecte as it semed.

The last terme by means of your Lordships letters & some others of her Maisties most honorable Privie Counsell Mr. Chauncellor of the Duchie Sir Gilberte Gerrade Knight, John Clynche one of her Maiesties Justices of assises within the Countie of Lancaster where the said Lands doe lye William Fletwoode Sergyant att the Lawe & and the rest of the Counsell of the said Duchie assembled them selues to thend the same Scole might be in reasonable manner maynteyned and that her Maiesties dere brothers graunte should not be called in question nor such a number of people molested touchinge ther habitation and Copiholde Lands by them purchased as aforesaid nor yet her Maiestie thought in honour

bounde to restore so greate a some beinge levied by reason of the seasure & grauntinge of the said Copihold Lands beinge fower thowsande pounds or therabouts nor yett former Decrees touchinge the said Lands [should be]* reexamyned did order & decree that ther shoulde be yerelie paied towards the mayntenance of the saide scole the yerelie rent of iiij^{li} vijs iiij^d allowed as aforesaid and that the some of Cli or therabouts should be paied & deliuered to the Mr. of the Rowles to be employed in the purchasinge of Lands to the use of the said Scole for the better mayntenance therof.

[Endorsed :]

22^o Feb. 1585.

The estates of the Copyhold Lands claymed by the feoffees for the maintenaunce of the Schole of Blackburn reported by Mr. Attorney of the Duchy.

[In another hand :]

Touchinge the Scole of Blackborne.

6.

1585.

THE CASE.

Certen Freehold lands of the yerelye value of xiijs 4^d per annum & copyeholde lands of the yearlye value of v^{li} per annum were conveyed & assured to certein persons and thaire heyres as Feoffes to the intent to ffynde a Chauntrye preist at Blackburne in the countye of Lancastre which preist shulde teache a free grammer schole & a free songe schole & maynteyne the one syde of the quyere in the same churche on the sabothe daye and festyvall dayes yerelye in the tyme of devine servyce whereof the Erle of Derbye was patron as by the

* Struck out.

composition mayd in the fifth yeare of the reigne of Kynge Henrye theyght maye appeare Accordinge to which composition a learned priste did kepe the sayd Schole and attendett the devyne Service in the queire accordinglye And in the 3 & 4 yeares of K. Phillip & Quene Marye the Feoffes of the sayde cople holde lands haidd a decree for the same by thadvyse and judgment of Sir Robarte Broke then Cheyffe Justyce of the Common Pleas for that as it semeth it was then taken that the Statute of Chauntries dyd not extend to copleholde landes nor to this case being princypallye ment for a Free Grammer Schole and for mayntenance of devine service And after for lacke of well prosecutinge the cawse order was obteyned affore Sir Ambrose Cave an^o 2 regine nunc agaynste some of the sayd Feoffes under which last order the sayde lands have bene enjoyed ever synce & and the sayde Schole thereby decayed & in an^o non^o regine nunc it pleased Her Maiestie to incorporate a Schole at Blackburne by the name of Governours of the Free Grammer Schole of Quene Elysabethe in Blackburne And nowe part of the sayde Feoffes beinge yett lyvinge have exhybyted their Bill in the Duchye Chamber at Westminster agaynste some of the purchasers and occupiers of the said lands And praye that they maye be consyderett.

QUESTIONS ARYSINGE UPON THE CASE.

The firste question is whether the said gyfte maide for the fyndinge of a Free Grammer Schole & other uses afforesaid be within the statute Edwardi 6 an^o primo mayde for dyssolution of Chantries.

Secondlye whether copleholde lands whereof the Chantrye preist was never seased bott others were seased thereof to thaim & thaire heyres as feoffes by cople of courte roll acordinge to the custome of the manours be taken awaye frome the Feoffes by the statute notwithstandinge the prouiso in the said statute in these words provydet always

that this act nor anye thinge therein conteined shall in anye wyse extend to anye lands tenements possessyons or hereditaments whatsoever that anye Mr. Deane chantrye or anye other corporations have or held of anye person or persons by cople of court roll or at will accordinge to the custome of anye manner or mannors nor gyve or grant anye coplehold lands to the Kings Heighnes And allso provided that the Kings Heighnes his heires and successors shall not in anye wyse have hold enioye or take by vertue of this act or anye artyckle therein conteyned anye manner of copyhould lands tenements possessyons or hereditaments whatsoever they be but that all and everye the sayd persons and Incombents shall have hould and enioye the same duringe their lyves towards their pencion.

7.

The Replicacion of Rychard Lyveseye and others complainants to thaunswer of Rychard Goodshawe* & Nycolas Halsted two of the deffendents named in the said Bill of complaint.

The said Complainants Replye and sayen that the said bill of complaint ys true certen and sufficient in the lawe to be aunswered unto And that the said Aunswer ys untrue incerten & insufficient in the lawe to be replied unto And further the said Complainant doeth replye & mainteine the said bill of complaint and everye thinge and mater therein contained to be good juste trewe certen and sufficient in the lawe in suche manner and forme as theye and everye of them be therein alledged and set downe And also the said Complainants further saye that the said free Schoole of Blakeburne mencioned in the said bill of complaint since the said first decree mencioned in the said bill and since the said seconde order mencioned in the said Aunswer is incorporat and made one Free grammer Schole for the institucion and instruction of children and youthe in grammer for ever to

* See "Pleadings," Vol. III., p. 147.

endure and contynue And the same schole to have one lerned Scholemaster and one Ussher for ever and that the same schole shalbe called the Free Grammer Schole of Queene Elizabeth in Blakeburne in the said countye of Lancastre for ever as more plainelye bye the Queens Maiesties most gracious lettres patents beringe date theight daye of Auguste in the ixth yere of her Maiesties moste noble raigne it doeth and may more plainelye at large appeare without that that the said decree dothe not bynd the said defendants nor anye other persons beinge copiholders and named in the said bill in suche manner and forme as it is alledged in the said Answare or that the said comission dothe or oughte to bynd the said Complainants or Governors of the same free gramer scole in manner and forme as it is further untrulie alledged in the said answare, or that the said defendants haue or oughte to haue anye good or lawfull righte title or estate of and in the premisses mencioned in the said bill of complaint in suche manner and forme as it is further untrulie in the said answare alledged, or that the same premisses was graunted onlie to the use of a chauntrie preste, For these complainants doe affirme and avarre that it dothe appeare by the said composicion and foundation that the same was cheiflye gyven for the fyndinge of a preiste to teache a free gramer scole and a songe scole and for the maintenance of one syde of the Quere within the said parisshe church of Blackburne, and not to singe anye masses or trentalls or to execute anye other supersticious thinge privatlie at anye alter or in anye chappell for the sowles of anye person or for anye suche supersticious use or purpose as was ment and intended by the statute maid for dissolucion of Chauntries but for maintenance of devyne service for the comon use and service of the holle parisschioners and to mantayne devyne service is noe supersticion but a thinge moste allowed of at this daye by the lawes of this Realme, and by force of these woords to manteyne devyne service the scolemaster at this daye is by vertue of the said fundacion to manteyne the devyne service nowe publicklye celebrated in the said parisshe church, and althoughe the said Scolemaster

be named in the said foundation sometymes by the name of a chauntree preste yet that name dothe nothinge preiudice because his accions are appointed for devyne service and not to saye anye masses or requiem diriges or to praye for sowles or suche like superstitious purposes mencioned in the said statute and therefore the said statute dothe not extend to take awaye the said Schole or the land & tenements gyven for the maintenance thereof by the said foundation, And secondlie the said statute dothe not extend to the said lands beinge copihoulde lands for that it is pleinlie and expreslye provided in and by the said statute that the same statute shall not in anye wise extend to gyve or graunt anye copihoulde lands to the laite Kinge Edward the Syxte unles the Incumbents theym selves were copiholders and then the same statute dothe allowe the same lands to theym duringe their lyves and noe longer, but of the said lands gyven as aforesaid for the maintenance of the said Schole the prest and scolemaster was not copihoulder, but other persons mencioned in the said bill were copiholders of the same to theym and their heirs, and therefore their estate was not towched by the said statute but the same estate dothe still contynewe save from the danger of the said estatut and if the same be and oughte to be taken oute of the danger of the said statute the said compleynants and parissshioners do trust that this Honorable Court will soe allowe of it withe favour it beinge for soe good and godlie a purpose and the rather for that the Quenes moste excellent Maiestie haith vouchsaved of her speciall grace and favor to incorporate the said Schole to thintent it maye contynewe for ever and to call it Her Maiesties Schole, for which her blessed inclinacion and grace the parissshioners of the said parisshe will dalie pray for Her Maiestie And althoughe there be suche an order as is mencioned in the said answer yet the same is but *quousque* that good matter be shewde, and at the tyme of the said suyte whereupon the said order proceded the same cause was not sufficientlie prosecuted, nor suche matter as did serve for the benefyte of the said Schole was not opened to the said court and all the said copiholders

that were feoffees to the use of the said Scole weare not partie to the same and at that tyme there was noe cause of complaint, for the said then plaintiffs were in possession of the same as the said complainants doe thinke, And without that that the said order is materiall or effectuall against the said compleynants And without that that anye other matter or thinge &c. [See p. 84.]

8.

1591.

Nos. 8 & 9.

[THE GOVERNORS OBTAIN A RENT-CHARGE ON SOME LANDS IN FARNHILL, BELONGING TO THE ELTOFTS FAMILY. SEE ALSO PAGES 29—37 AND 92—112.]

This Indenture made the Seconde daye of Aprill in the three and thirtithe yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England Fraunce and Ireland Defendor of the Faithe &c. Betwene Sir John Soothwoorthe of Samesburie in the countie of Lancaster Knighte, Thomas Talbot of Basshall in the countie of Yorke, John Osboldston of Osboldston and William Farrington of Worden in the countye of Lancaster Esquires on thone partie, And the Governors of the possessions revenues and goods of the Free Gramer schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackburne in the countye of Lancaster on thother partie Witnesseth that the said Sir John Soothwoorthe, Thomas Talbot, John Osboldston, and William Farrington for dyverse good causes and consideracions theym movinge and for a certeyne some of monye to theym paide by the said Governors whereof they knowledge theym selves fullye satisfyed by these presents and speciallie for and in discharge of the truste in theym reposed Haue graunted allyened bargayned and sould and by these presents do graunte allyen bargayn and sell unto the said Governors of the possessions revenues and goods of the Free

Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabethhe in Blackeburne in the Countye of Lancaster all that anuall and yearlye rent charge or anuetie of twentie pounds of lawfull monye of Englande graunted and rendered unto the said Sir John Soothwoorthe, Thomas Talbot John Osboldston and William Farrington and to the heirs of the said Sir John by Edward Walmysley and Robert Walmysley by fyne levyed before the Justices of oure sovereigne Ladye the Quene of the Benche at Westminster in the Countie of Mydlexe in the terme of St. Mychaell tharchangell laste past : betwene Edwarde Walmysley and Robert Walmysley gentlemen pleyntiffs and Edmund Eltofts Esquire Thomas Eltofts sonne and heire apparent of the same Edmund, John Soothwoorthe Knighte, Thomas Talbot, John Osboldston Esquires and William Farrington Esquire deforciant, Issuyng and goinge oute of lands tenements and hereditaments comprised in the said fyne, lyinge and beinge in Farnhill in the Countye of Yorke payable yearlye at certeyne dayes mencioned in the said fyne by even porcions yearlye withe a clause of distresse as well for the said rente and the arrerages therof if any shall happen to be as for a *nomine pene* as by the same fyne at large more playnlye it dothe and maye appeare. And also all suche rent and rents as the said Sir John Soothwoorthe, Thomas Talbot John Osboldston and William Farrington or anye of them have or haith the issuinge and goinge oute of anye lands tenements or hereditaments in Farnhill in the said Countye of Yorke whiche are or weare the inheritance of Edmund Eltofts Esquire To have and perceyve the said anuetie and yearlye rent charge to the said Governors and their successors to the use of the said Free grammar schole for ever in as large and ample manner as they the said Sir John Soothwoorthe Thomas Talbot, John Osboldston and William Farrington have or oughte to have the same And the said Sir John Soothwoorthe for hym and his heirs dothe covenant and graunte to and withe the saide Governors and their successors by these presents that the said yearlye rente or anuetie at the tyme of thensealinge hereof is and soe shall

or maye contynewe and be discharged or saved harmeles of and from all acts charges and incombrances whatsoever heretofore hadd made done or comytted by hym the said Sir John Soothwoorthe or by any other by his meanes or consent And the said Thomas Talbot for hym and his heirs dothe covenant and graunte to and withe the said Governors and their successors by these presents that the said yearlye rente or anuetie at the tyme of thensealinge hereof is and soe shall or maye contynewe and be discharged or saved harmeles of and from all acts charges and incombrances whatsoever heretofore hadd made done or comytted by hym the said Thomas Talbot or by anye other by his meanes or consent And the said John Osboldston for hym and his heirs dothe covenant and graunte to and withe the said Governors and their successors by these presents that the said yearlye rente or anuetie at the tyme of thensealinge hereof is and soe shall or maye contynewe and be discharged or saved harmeles of and from all acts charges and incombrances whatsoever heretofore hadd made done or comytted by hym the said John Osboldston or by anye other by his meanes or consent And the said William Farrington for hym and his heirs dothe covenant and graunte to and withe the said Governors and their successors by these presents that the said yearlye rent or anuitie at the tyme of thensealinge hereof is and soe shall or maye contynewe and be discharged or saved harmeles of and from all acts charges and incombrances whatsoever heretofore hadd made done or comytted by hym the said William Farrington or by anye other by his meanes or consent.

In witnesse whereof to these present Indentures the parties aforesaide enterchangable have putt their hands and seales the daye and yere firste above wryten.

John Sothworth.
[Seal gone.]

Thomas Talbott.
(L.S.)

John Osboldston.
[Seal gone.]

Wm. Farrington.
(L.S.)

[Endorsed :] Sealed signed and delivered by the within
named John Soothwoorthe Knight John
Osboldston and William Farington Esquires
in the presence of

Richarde Sothworthe
Henrye Feilden
Alexander Fallowfeild
Thomas Sawell
Lawrence Gorton.

Sealed and delivered by the within named
Thomas Talbott the xijth day of Aprill in
the yeare firste within written, to George
Asheton to the use of the Governors of the
possessions and revenewes of the Free
Grammer Scoole of Quene Elizabeth in
Blackburne in the presence of

Nicholas Banester John Talbot
Jamyess Loowes
James Emott
Robert Parkynsonn

Irrotulatum in Banco Rotulo Duodecimo de
Cartis scriptis & proteccionibus cognitionibus
allocationibus De Terminis Pasche anno
Regni Elizabeth Dei Gratia Anglie Francie
& Hibernie Regine Fidei Defensoris &c.
Tricesimo tercio.*

9.

[EXEMPLIFICATION OF A FINE AND RECOVERY—FARNHILL
ESTATE.]

23 June, 1591.

ELIZABETH Dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina
fidei defensor etc. Omnibus ad quos presentes littere nostre
pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod inter irrotulamenta

* A marginal note in Latin states again that this deed was entered (11 April, 33 Eliz.) in the presence of Thomas Walmysley, one of Her Majesty's judges.

brevium et aliorum dependentium pro finibus secundum formam Statuti De Termino Sancte Trinitatis anno regni nostri tricesimo tercio Rotulo primo continetur sic : Eboracum Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Vicecomiti Eboraci salutem Precipe Edmundo Eltoftes Armigero Thome Eltoftes filio et heredi apparenti predicti Edmundi Johanni Sotheworthe Militi Thome Talbott Armigero Johanni Osbaldeston Armigero et Willelmo Farryngton Armigero quod juste et sine dilacione teneant Edwardo Walmysley generoso et Roberto Walmysley generoso convencionem inter eos factam de decem mesuagiis decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture et quadraginta acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill Et nisi fecerint et predicti Edwardus et Robertus fecerint te securum de clameo suo prosequendo tunc summoneas per bonos summonitores predictos Edmundum Thomam Johannem et Willelmum quod sint coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium in Octabis Sancti Michaelis ostensuri quare non fecerint. Et habeas ibi summonitores et hoc breve. Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium xvii^o die Septembris anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo. Plegii de prosequendo Johannes Doo Ricardus Roo Summonitores Johannes Den Ricardus Fen. Johannes Dawney Miles Vicecomes. Edwardus Walmysley generosus dat Domine Regine viginti solidos pro licencia concordandi cum Edmundo Eltoftes Armigero Thoma Eltoftes filio et heredi apparenti predicti Edmundi Johanne Sotheworthe Milite Thoma Talbott Armigero Johanne Osbaldeston Armigero et Willelmo Farryngton Armigero de placito convencio de decem mesuagiis decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture et quadraginta acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill. Et habet cirrografum per pacem admissum coram Thoma Walmysley Justiciario in patria. Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Dilecto et fideli nostro Thome Walmysley uni Justiciariorum nostrorum de Banco salutem

Cum breve nostrum de convencione pendeat coram vobis et sociis vestris Justiciariis nostris de Banco inter Edwardum Walmysley generosum et Robertum Walmysley generosum et Edmundum Eltoftes Armigerum Thomam Eltoftes filium et heredem apparentem predicti Edmundi Johannem Sotheworthe Militem Thomam Talbott Armigerum Johannem Osbaldeston Armigerum et Willelmum Farryngton Armigerum de decem mesuagiis decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture et quadraginta acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill in Comitatu Eboraci ad finem inde inter eos coram vobis et sociis vestris predictis in Banco predicto secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie levandum ac prefati Edmundus Thomas Johannes Thomas Johannes et Willelmus adeo impotentes sui existant quod absque maximo corporum suorum periculo usque Westmonasterium ad diem in dicto brevi contentum ad cogniciones que in hac parte requiruntur faciendum laborare non sufficiunt ut accepimus. Nos statui eorundem Edmundi Thome Johannis Thome Johannis et Willelmi compacientes in hac parte dedimus vobis potestatem recipiendi cogniciones quas iidem Edmundus Thomas Johannes Thomas Johannes et Willelmus coram vobis facere voluerint de premissis. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad prefatos Edmundum Thomam Johannem Thomam Johannem et Willelmum personaliter accedentes cogniciones suas predictas recipiatis. Et cum eas receperitis prefatos socios vestros inde distincte et aperte reddatis certiores ut tunc finis ille inter partes predictas de premissis coram vobis et sociis vestris predictis in Banco predicto leuari possit secundum legem et consuetudinem supradictas. Et habeatis ibi hoc breve. Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium xix^o die Septembris anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo. Responsum infranominati Thome Walmsley ad hoc breve patet in quadam scedula huic brevi annexa Thomas Walmysley. Et est concordia talis scilicet quod predicti Edmundus Thomas Eltfotes Johannes Sotheworthe Thomas Talbott Johannes Osbaldeston et Willelmus recogoverunt predicta tenementa

cum pertinentiis esse ius ipsius Edwardi ut illa que iidem Edwardus et Robertus habent de dono predictorum Edmundi Thome Eltoftes Johannis Sotheworthe Thome Talbott Johannis Osbaldeston et Willelmi. Et illi remiserunt et quiete clamaverunt de se et heredibus ipsius Edmundi prefatis Edwardo et Roberto et heredibus ipsius Edwardi imperpetuum. Et praeterea predictus Edmundus concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod ipsi warantizabunt prefatis Edwardo et Roberto et heredibus ipsius Edwardi predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis contra ipsum Edmundum et heredes suos imperpetuum. Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietam clamatione warantizatione fine et concordia predicti Edwardus et Robertus concesserunt prefato Johanni Sotheworthe Militi Thome Talbott Johanne Osbaldeston et Willelmo Farrington quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum legalis monete Anglie exeuntem et exiturum de et in tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis. Et illi eis reddiderunt in eadem curia. Habendam et percipiendam predictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum prefatis Johanni Sotheworthe Thome Talbott Johanni Osbaldeston et Willelmo Farrington et heredibus et assignatis prefati Johannis Sotheworthe Militis ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad decimum quintum diem proxime et immediate sequentem festum Sancti Martini Episcopi in hieme et ad decimum quintum diem proxime sequentem festum Pentecoste apud Australem porticum ecclesie parochialis sive capellae de Cliderowe in Comitatu Lancastrie per equales porciones annuatim solvendum. Et si contingat predictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum aretro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquod terminum vel diem quo ut prefertur solvi debeat non solutum quod tunc et tocians predicti Edwardus et Robertus et heredes sui forisfacient prefatis Johanni Sotheworthe Thome Talbott Johanni Osbaldeston et Willelmo Farrington et heredibus ipsius Johannis Sotheworthe Militis decem solidos nomine pene pro quolibet die in quo contigerit predictum redditum sive aliquam inde parcellam aretro fore et non solutum post

aliquod terminum vel diem quo ut prefertur solvi debeat. Et quod tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit prefatis Johanni Sotheworthe Thome Talbott Johanni Osbaldeston et Wilhelmo Farrington et heredibus ipsius Johannis Sotheworthe in predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis et in quamlibet inde parcellam intrare et distringere tam pro predicta annuitate sive annuali redditu viginti librarum et qualibet inde parcella quam pro qualibet summa decem solidorum sic forisfacta nomine pene districcionesque sic ibidem captas et habitas licite abducere effugare asportare et penes se retinere quousque tam de predicta annuitate sive annuali redditu viginti librarum quam de qualibet summa decem solidorum nomine pene ut prefertur forisfacta cum arreragiis eorundem si que fuerunt plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolutum. Thomas Walmysley. Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis Sancti Michaelis anno regnorum Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris etc. a conquestu tricesimo secundo coram Edmundo Anderson Francisco Wyndam Willelmo Peryam et Thoma Walmysley Justiciariis et aliis Domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus. Inter Edwardum Walmysley generosum et Robertum Walmysley generosum querentes Et Edmundum Eltoftes Armigerum Thomam Eltotes filium et heredem apparentem predicti Edmundi Johannem Sotheworthe Militem Thomam Talbott Armigerum Johannem Osbaldeston Armigerum et Willelmum Farrington Armigerum deforciantes de decem mesuagiis decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture et quadraginta acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill unde placitum convencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia scilicet quod predicti Edmundus Thomas Johannes Thomas Johannes et Willelmus recognoverunt predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis esse ius ipsius Edwardi ut illa que iidem Edwardus et Robertus habent de dono predictorum Edmundi Thome Johannis Thome Johannis et Willelmi Et illi remiserunt et quieteclamaverunt de ipsis Edmundo Thoma Johanne Thoma Johanne et

Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Edmundi predictis Edwardo et Roberto et heredibus ipsius Edwardi imperpetuum Et preterea idem Edmundus concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod ipsi warantizabunt predictis Edwardo et Roberto et heredibus ipsius Edwardi predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis contra predictum Edmundum et heredes suos imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione remissione quietam clamacionem warantizationem fine et concordiam iidem Edwardus et Robertus concesserunt predictis Johanni Thome Johanni et Willelmo quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum legalis monete Anglie exeuntem de et in predictis tenementis cum pertinentiis Et illi eis reddiderunt in eadem Curia Habendam et percipiendam predictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum eisdem Johanni Thome Johanni et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Johannis Sotheworthe ad decimum quintum diem proxime sequentem festum Sancti Martini Episcopi in hieme et ad decimum quintum diem proxime sequentem festum Pentecostis apud australem porticum ecclesie parochialis sive capelle de Cliderowe in Comitatu Lancastrie per equales porciones annuatim solvendum Et si contingat predictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum aretro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquem diem dierum predictorum quo ut prefertur solvi debeat non solutum quod tunc et tocians predicti Edwardus et Robertus et heredes sui forisfacient predictis Johanni Thome Johanni et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Johannis Sotheworthe decem solidos nomine pene pro quolibet die post predictos dies finitos quociens predicta annuitas sive annualis redditus viginti librarum sic aretro fore contigerit Et quod tunc et tocians bene licebit predictis Johanni Thome Johanni et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Johannis Sotheworthe in predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis et in quamlibet inde parcellam intrare et distringere districcionesque sic ibidem captas et habitas licite abducere asportare et effugare ac penes se retinere quousque tam de predicta annuitate sive annuali redditu viginti librarum quam de predictis decem solidis nomine pene ut prefertur forisfactis cum arreragiis eorundem si que fuerint

plenare fuerit satisfactum et persolutum. Secundum formam statuti prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo octavo die Nouembris termino sancti Michaelis anno tricesimo tercio Regine infrascripte Secunda proclamatio facta fuit primo die Februarii termino Sancti Hilarii anno tricesimo tercio Regine infrascripte Tercia proclamatio facta fuit tricesimo die Aprilis termino Pasche anno tricesimo tercio Regine infrascripte Quarta proclamatio facta fuit quinto die Junii termino Sancte Trinitatis anno tricesimo tercio Regine infrascripte. SCIATIS ECIAM quod inter irrotulamenta brevium et aliorum dependentium pro communibus recuperacionibus secundum formam Statuti de termino et anno supradictis Rotulo tercio continetur sic: Eboracum Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Vicecomiti Eboraci salutem Precipe Edwardo Walmysley generoso et Roberto Walmysley generoso quod iuste et sine dilacione reddant Willelmo Rysheton et Thome Clayton decem mesuagia decem gardina quadringentas acras terre centum acras prati quingentas acras pasture et quadraginta acras bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill que clamant esse ius et hereditatem suam et in que iidem Edwardus et Robertus non habent ingressum nisi post disseisinam quam Hugo Hunt inde iniuste et sine iudicio fecit prefatis Willelmo et Thome infra triginta annos iam ultimos elapsos ut dicitur Et unde queruntur quod predicti Edwardus et Robertus eis deforciaverunt Et nisi fecerint et predicti Willelmus et Thomas fecerint te securum de clameo suo proseguendo tunc summonneas per bonos summonitores predictos Edwardum et Robertum quod sint coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium a die Sancti Michaelis in unum mensem ostensuri quare non fecerint Et habeas ibi summonitores et hoc breve Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium ix^o die Octobris anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo. Plegii de proseguendo Johannes Doo Ricardus Roo. Summonitores Johannes Den Ricardus Fen. Johannes Dawney Miles Vicecomes. Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Vicecomiti Eboraci salutem. Summoneas per bonos

summonitores Edmundum Eltoftes Armigerum quod sit coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium in Octabis Purificacionis Beate Marie ad warrantizandum Edwardo Walmysley generoso et Roberto Walmysley generoso decem mesuagia decem gardina quadringentas acras terre centum acras prati quingentas acras pasture et quadraginta acras bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill que Willelmus Rysheton et Thomas Clayton in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium clamant versus prefatos Edwardum et Robertum ut ius suum per breve nostrum de ingressu super disseisinam in le post Et unde iidem Edwardus et Robertus in eadem Curia nostra vocati predictum Edmundum summonuerunt in comitatu tuo ad warrantizandum versus eos Et habeas ibi summonitores et hoc breve. Teste E. Anderson apud Westmonasterium xxx^o die Octobris anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo. Summonitores Johannes Den Ricardus Fen. Nicholaus Constable Armiger Vicecomes. Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Vicecomiti Eboraci salutem Scias quod Willelmus Rysheton et Thomas Clayton in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium recuperaverunt seisinam suam versus Edwardum Walmysley generosum et Robertum Walmysley generosum de decem mesuagiis decem gardinis quadringentis acris terre centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture et quadraginta acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill per breve nostrum de ingressu super disseisinam in le post Et ideo tibi precipimus quod prefatis Willelmo et Thome plenariam seisinam de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis sine dilacione habere facias Et qualiter hoc preceptum nostrum fueris executum constare facias Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium a die Pasche in xv dies Et habeas ibi hoc breve. Teste E. Anderson apud Westmonasterium xii^o die Februarii anno regni nostri tricesimo tercio.* Virtute istius brevis mihi directi decimo die Aprilis anno infrascripto habere feci infranominatis Willelmo et Thome

* A further exemplification completing this transaction is extant, with seal almost complete.

plenariam seisinam de tenementis infraspacificatis cum pertinentiis prout interius michi precipitur. Philippus Constable Armiger Vicecomes Eboraci. Edwardus Walmysley generosus et Robertus Walmysley generosus posuerunt loco suo Henricum Cressye et Robertum Kay conjunctim et divisim versus Willelmum Rysheton et Thomam Clayton de placito terre. Eboracum. Edmundus Eltoftes Armiger quem Edwardus Walmysley generosus et Robertus Walmysley generosus vocaverunt ad warrantizandum posuit loco suo Willelmum Savile et Robertum Somerscall conjunctim et divisim versus Willelmum Rysheton et Thomam Clayton de placito terre. QUE OMNIA et singula ad requisitionem predicti Edwardi Walmysley tenore presencium duximus exemplificanda IN CUIUS rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad brevia in Banco predicto sigillandum deputatis presentibus apponi fecimus. Teste F. Wyndam W. Peryam et Thomas Walmysley apud Westmonasterium xxii^o die Junii anno regni nostri tricesimo tercio.

Wyndam Peryam Walmysley.

Examinatur PETER —.

L.S.†

LOOSE PAPERS, APPARENTLY FROM THE FIRST MINUTE BOOK.

5 August 1586.

The names of the governors of the ffree Schole of Queene Elisabethe in Blackburne Anno Regni Regine 28 augustii 5

Gylbert gerrarde Knyghte master of the Rolles

*Johne Sutheworthe Knyghte

Robert Heskethe esquyre 11^{do} die Septembris 1588^o

• Thomas Heskethe Knyghte mort

John Radeclaffe Knyghte Raufe Assheton ar.

*Thomas Wallmysley Sergeant at lawe

Rycharde Shuttleworth Sergeant at lawe

Edwarde Osballdstone Esquyer

*Jho=Osboston ar^o

† A portion of the Seal of the Common Pleas.

- Thomas Langton Esquyer
 *Thomas Talbott Esqre
 Thomas Hollecroffte Esqre
 Rauffe Barton Esquyre
 *William ffarryngton Esquyre
 John Talbott Esqr
 *Edwarde Braddyll Esquire
 John Grymshaye Esquyre mortuus est
 *Edwarde Wellche Vycarre ibidem
 Thomas Aynsworthe gent
 Rycharde Lyveseye gent mortuus
 *Thomas Astley gent
 Rycharde Parker gent=m
 *George Talbott gent
 Alexander Osbaldston gent
 *Robert Morley gent
 *Rychard Wallmysley gent
 *William Barker gent
 *William Dewhurste gent
 *Hugh Dicconson of Tockholes the xii of September^o
 Nycholas Bolton gent
 *Jho=Cowborne of Ediholes the xii of September 1590^o
 *Thomas Gelebrande gent
 *Lawrense Ainesworthe the ii of September 1588^o
 Rycharde Cunliffe gent
 *Rycharde Whytalge gent
 *John Warde gent
 Wm Cotam gent 11^{do} die Septembris 1588^o
 *Thomas Hollden gent mort
 James Garsden gent
 Wm Bolton of the boke hey the xxiiii of marche 1588^o
 Henrye Marsden gent
 William Crosse gent
 *Lawrence Haworthe gent
 Lawrence Duckesberye gent
 *William Page of London gent
 *George Lyvesaye of Sidebight
 *Rycharde Page gent

- Roger Smalley gent
 *Thurstane Maudesley gent mort
 *Johne Clayton gent
 Kyrster Marsden gent de ffenyscoles mortuus
 *Johne Cowburne gent mort
 Edwarde Mawdysley
 *John Gelebronde 17 April 1590^o
 *Myles Aspinoll
 *Nycholas Haworthe
 Richard Lawe the xii of September 1590^o
 *Xtopher Lawe the ii of September 1588^o
 Thomas Whytalghe
 *Johne Hodgson
 *George Ashton
 *Adame Bolton de Broke House
 Roger Nowell Esquier
 Lawrence Aspmoll
 John Baron of the mylne^o
 *Myles Marsden

Here follows a note by William ffarington, of a later date than most of the names of 1586.

Jho=Talbot ar. son and heyre of George Talbot of Salesbury is elected the second of September 1588 to suply the plase of his late grandfather Jho=Talbot esquyre in respecte of the benevolence of vili xiii^s iiiii^d of his said grandfather bestowed towards the stocke of the said schole, And in respecte of the benevolence of his twenty pffounds to be bestowed towards the mayntenance of the said schole, provided alwayes that the choyce of the said Jho=Talbot being an infante is not to be made any example hereafter in choyce of any infante

Edwarde Walmesley of Banester Halle gent, 11^o Aprilis a^o
 Eliz : regine xxxiii

Roberte Walmysley gent
 Roger Gelibrand of Samesburie gent.
 Thomas Soothworthe of

xxx Sep. 1591.

* Entries to which ^o is appended are by a later hand, in which 'mortuus' also is written. The asterisk, a cross in the original, usually denotes that such a governor was dead at the time when the additions were made.

10 Sept. 1586.

Memorandum that the xth daye of September 1586 it was agreed by the governours of the free Schole of Blackburne that whosoever shall have the use of the some of xx^{li} of money parcell of the stocke of the saide Schole in lone shall paye after the rate of xl^s for the lone of the same in one yeare & enter into bonde by oblygation to the governors in the some of xl^{li} with two suffycient sureties with hime for the repayement of the same at the yeare's ende and that eytche of the said sureties shalbe Inhabyters and householders w^{hin} the sayd p^ysh and being eytche householders of xl^s by yeare or other wyse worthe xl^{li} in goods and that for everye xx^{li} so put forthe there shalbe a severall obligation mayde in forme as is aforesayde and that every suche oblygation shalbe renewed with such lyke suertyes at the end of everye yeare and the sayde p^ties to gyve as of a yeaes warninge to the governors when he will repaye the sayde xx^{li} stocke backe agayne that there maye be no tyme loste otherwyse to renewe his bonde and to be charged with the lone of it for another yeare and yf he will not renewe his sayde bonde then the former bonde to be put in sute and advantage thereof to be taken & Imployed to the use of the said Schole.

John Radclyff, Thomas Walmsley, Edward Osbald[eston], Wm. ffarington, Robert Hesketh, Roger Nowell, Rychard Levesey, Edward Welshe, Thomas Holden, Rychard Parker, Thomas Astley, Nicholas Haworth, George Assheton.

1586.

xvii Septembris, A^o xxviii [regni] regine Eliz.

It is agreed by the governors of the ffree grammar schoole of quene Elizabeth in blackburne that the Some of ffortye pounds p^ycell of the money levyed for the bying of armor in the parysh of blackburne shall be payed to Mr. Banastre of Altham & he to pay the same over upon the sight hereof to George Assheton & Thomas Hayworth they delyveringe first the letters patents of the Corporacion of the schole to

Mr. Rycharde Lyvesey and he to make a note thereof, & the same note to be delyvered to Mr. Banastre upon the payment of the said XL^{li}.

John Radclyff	Thomas Walmsley
Edward Osbaldeston	
John Grymshawe	
Edward Braddyll	

The following was copied by Dr. J. W. Whittaker, vicar of Blackburn, before 1854. The original has not been found.

(1581—1586.)

A note of all suche charges as haythe ben spent and layde owt by George Ashton and Thomas Haworth concerning the free Schole of Quene Elsebeth in Blackburne from the begining of the Sute being at Harteford Tearme Anno Elyz. 23 till this present being the 5th of August An^o Elz. 28.

	li	s	d
Imprimis, paid by George Ashton for two privie seales at the first entrance of the Sute			
Soma xxij ^s	1	2	0
Item, the sayde George was absent at two severall Tearmes in prosecuting the sayde Sute fyfthe days - - - Soma liij ^s iiij ^d	2	13	4
Item, the sayde George & Thomas Haworthe dyd sett forward on Tewsdaye the xv th of June 1585 To mydsommer Tearme and came home on Saterdaye the xxiiij th of Julye being absent xxxix dayes rated after xx ^d the daye			
Soma vj ^{li} x ^s	6	10	0
Item, layde owte at the same Tearme for a cople of the answere and the replycation with our Attorney's fees and one for the procuringe of a letter from the privie Counsell - - - - - xxx ^s	1	10	0

	li	s	d
Item, the sayde George and Thomas dyd sett forwarde to Mychelmas Tearme on Tewsdaye the 12 of October and came home on Saturday the 17 of December being absent in the whole lx and vj dayes rated after xx ^d the daye - - - - - Soma xj ^{li}	11	0	0
Item, layde owt at the same Tearme for Coun- sellors fees to Mr. S[olicitor] - - - xx ^s	1	0	0
Item, to the messenger of the duchye for somoninge the assistants and to our Attorney with other fees in the Cowrt xiijs 4 ^d	0	13	4
Item, gyven in Rewarde at the same Tearme for the procuringe of two severall Letters from the Privie Cownsell To Mr. Chancellor thassisstante of the duchye in favoure of our Sute - - - - - xx ^s	1	0	0
Item, mo spent by hus from our coming home till my goinge upp againe To Candellmas Tearme in goinge into Yorkeshyre to Mr. Savill for the drawinge of a Supplication to Thearle of Darbye and in goinge to Lathom to procure my Lordes Letter to the Privie Cownsell in all - - - - - xvjs	0	16	0
Item, the said Thomas Haworthe did sett forwarde with Thomas Parkenson of Slaydburne towards Candelmas Tearme on Sondaye the 15 th of Januarye 1585 and returned home agayne on Saterdaye the 5 th of Marche being absent in the whole xlix dayes rated after xx ^d the daye Soma iiij ^{li} xx ^d	4	1	8
Item, more payde by me at this Tearme for the charges of the sayde Thomas Parkenson in going upp to London and whylest he dyd staye there being xix days and that I dyd gyve hime in his purse to brynge hym home xxxviijs	1	18	0

	li	s	d
Item, layde owte at this Tearme in the Warde for the procuring of newe Letters from my Lorde Treasurer to Mr. Sollyster and to others in favoure of the Sute - - xls	2	0	0
Item, payde for the Takinge forth of our decree, in all - - - - xxxvs	1	15	0
Item, spent after my coming home in going to bothe the Assyses at Lancaster and other places to laboure the Governours to mete in [Easter] week - - - - ix ^s	0	9	0
Item, the sayde Thomas Haworthe dyd sett forward to Midsommer Tearme last on Fryddaye the iij th daye of June 1586 & came home agayne on Thursdaye the 7 th of Julye being absent on the whole xxxv dayes rated after xx ^d the daye - - Soma lvij ^s iij ^d	2	18	4
Item, payde by me at this Tearme for one Warrant under Seale which wee haydd for the Receving of lx ^{li} at the hand of Mr. Hersey generall Receyver of the duchye xij ^s viij ^d	0	12	8
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S. xxxix ^{li} xix ^s iij ^d	£39	19	4

Thomas Walmysley.
 Edwarde Osbaldeston.
 Wm. Farington.
 Edward Braddyll.
 Robert Talbot.
 John Grymshawe.

Robert Morley.
 Thomas Holden.
 Roger Gelibrand.
 Edward Welshe.
 Thomas

(September, 1587.)

	li	s	d
Memorandum. The whole some received by Mr. Osbaldeston of the purchasers at Slaydburne, Clytheroe and Burnley commeth in the whole to - - - - li ^j li j ^s ii ^j d	52	1	3
whereof dysbursed for the charges of the Feofees - - - - - xx ^s	1	0	0
So there restethe clere in Mr. John Osbaldeston stones handes - - - - li ^j li j ^s ii ^j d	51	1	3
and in the hands of Jno. Hallydaye lviii ^j s ix ^d	2	18	9
Item, moe lent to Mr. Andrew Huddelston by three Oblygations & payeable at Mychellmas 1588 - - - - - lv ^{li}	55	0	0
Item, in the Handes of Mr. John Osbaldeston by oblygation due the xi th daye of November, 1587 - - - - - xj ^{li}	11	0	0
Memorandum that Mr. John Osbaldeston Esquier is appoynted to put in bonde for the payment of the saide some of li ^j li j ^s ii ^j d At the Parishe Church of Blackburne upon Sonday next being the 24 th of this instant September, 1587, and v ^{li} more for the increase of the said Some for one whole yeare payable the xj th of October next, and for x ^{li} of the same money enter into bonnde hyme selfe with one suffycyent Suertye before Rycharde Lyvesey, Thomas Holden and Nicholas Haworthe, To the use of the free grammer schole of Blackburn	51	1	3

The iiij day of Marche 1587. It is agreed that the Increase of lxij^{li} is 3^d remayning in the hands of Mr. John Osbaldeston shalbe (putt) from the tyme of his reset of the same untill this present iiijth day of Marche unto the hande of Jane Wilson

late wyff of R. Wilson, late scholemaster at Blackburne for the arrerage of his wage due for teaching at the said Schoole.

John Sotheworth.

Wm. Farington.

Edwarde Osbaldston.

Edward Braddyll.

Thomas Walmsley.

The principal stocke of the Schoole in the hands of Mr. Jno. Osbaldeston is lxiij*li* is iij*d*

viiij die Aprilis 1588.

This daye the letters patente of the creyation and foundation of the Schoole of Queen Elizabeth in Blackburne together with the decree of the duchye in a long blacke boxe (savely to be kept) were deliuered to John Hodgson one of the Governors of the said Schoole & one of the Churchwardens of the parish Church of Blackburne.

[Date, on or before] 3 March 1588.

The Governors of Blacburne Schoole whereof those which are departed are noted with this marke *.

*Sir Gylberte Gerrarde Knyghte Master of the Rolles [died in 1592]

Mr. Justice Walmysleye

Sir John Southeworthe Knyghte

Sir Richarde Shuttelworthe Knight

Robarte Heskythe Armiger

Raphe Ashton Arm.

John Osbaldeston Ar :

Thomas Langeton Ar :

Thomas Talbot Ar :

Thomas Holcrofte Ar :

*Raphe Barton Ar :

Williame Farrington Ar :

Edward Braddell Ar :

*John Grymeshaye Ar :

Thomas Southeworthe Ar :

Edwarde Walmysley Ar :

Roger Nowell Ar :

Edwarde Welche Vicar ibidem

Thomas Ainesworth gent

- *Rycharde Lyvesaye gent
Thomas Astley gent
- *Richard Parker gent
George Talbot gent
Alexander Osbaldeston gent
- *Robarte Morleye gent
Richard Walmysley gent
Thomas Gelibrande gent
Lawraunce Aineseworth gent
Richarde Whitalghe gent
- *Williame Holden gent
James Garsden gent
Williame Crosse gent
Lawrance Haworthe gent
Lawrance Duckesburye gent
- *Richarde Page gent
Roger Smalley gent
John Clayton gent
- *Christopher Marsden de Feniscoles gent
- *Edwarde Maudsley gent
Robarte Walmysley gent
Roger Gelibrande of Samlesburie gent
Hughe Diconson of Tockeholes
John Cowburne of the Edyholes
Williame Bolton of the Bankehey
- *George Lyvesaye of the Sydebight
John Gellibronde
Myles Asmall
Nycholas Haworthe
Richarde Lawe
- *Thomas Whitalghe
John Hodson
George Asheton
- *Adame Boulton de Broukehouse
Lawrance Asmall
John Baron of the Mylne
Miles Mersden†

1588.

iiiij^{to} die Marcij Anno regni regine Elizabeth tricesimo.

George Bolton decessed dyd gyve to the stocke of the Schoole at Blackburne which was delyvered to Magster Walshe vicarr of blackburne, v^s

This v^s was delyvered to the late Scholemaster's wyff 4 Marcij 1587 as parte of payment of the wages due to her husband.

George Yate of Yate Bancke hath gyven by his will to the stocke of the schoole & hath made Henry Romsbothom George Holden & Rauffe Tomlynson executors, vj^s viij^d.

viiijth of Aprill 1588.*

Memorandum that the daie & yeare laste above mensioned hit was agreed by the governors of the free Scolle of Queene Elizabeth in blackborne that if the proffets of the stocke of the sayd scolle being cxvij^{li} or thereabouts together with the yerly pension allowed by her majestie willenot extende to make a yerly pension of xxiv^{li} yerly to be bestowed upon the scollemaster & usher viz. xx^{li} for the master & iiij^{li} for the usher, that then all sutche scollers as shall come to the said scole shall paie towards the making uppe of the said some of xxiiij^{li} after the rate of iiij^s for every gramarian & ij^s for every petty, which some if hit wille not with the p'ffet of the sayd stocke & yerly pension amounte to make uppe the said some of xxiiij^{li} that then the governors of the scolle shall equally amongeste them selves susteyne & bere the some that so shalbe wanting to make uppe the said some of xxiiij^{li} & if the sayd wadges so to be paid by the said scollers doe amounte to make uppe the p'ffets of the sayd stocke & yerly annuitie to a gretter some than xxiiij^{li} then the scollers wadges to be so due by pore scollers that come to the sayd scolle to be forborne uppon to a less some in respecte of theyre poverty. And the wadges of the said scollemaster & usher to be yerly paid at ij feastes viz the Annunciation of our [Lady] & St. Michael tharchangel by even porsions And

* The minute following is in William ffarington's handwriting.

that the said s[collemaster] & usher for the tyme being shall not receive in to the sayd scolle or there tetchē anye childe onless he be presented & brought into the sayd scolle by iiij of the governors of the sayd scolle at the leaste, to the ende that those said governors which so shall present the said children shall undertake to answer sutchē wadges as is or shalbe due by any sutchē scoller by them presented.

Jhon Sotheworthe

Thomas Walmysley
Wm. ffarington
Edward Osbaldeston
Roger Nowell
Edward Welshe
Richard Levesay
Roger Smalley
Thomas Holden
Nicholas Haworth
George Assheton
Myles Aspmoll

John Clayton
John Baron
Lawrence Aynisworth
Myles Marsden
John Hodgeson
Thomas Gelybrand
Adam Bolton
George Lyvesay
Thomas Astley
Rychard Parker

31st May, 1588.

The Laste of Maye 1588 A^o R. Regine Eliz. xxx^{mo}.

Memorandum that the daye & yere above mensioned hit was agreed by the governors of the free Scolle of Queene Eliz. in blackborne, that Mr. Yates the then Master of the said scolle shallenot at any tyme hereafter receive into his scolle as scollers there to be taught, but only sutchē as shalbe presented unto the scolemaster there for the tyme being, by ii of the governors of the said at the leaste under theyre hande writinge, & the said governors that so shall present the sayd scoller, shall answer the howle yers wadges for the sayd scoller if he be onse presented, although the sayd scoller shalbe afterwards by his parents or friends withdrawn from the sayd scolle & placed at husbandry or other trade & this order to be observed until sutchē time as a competent pensyon may be provided yerly to contynue forever to the mayntenance of the said scole. And that sutchē of the parisheners of

blackeborne as doe not before mydsommer next yelde to geve sutche resonable contrybution in money towards the increase of the stocke of the sayd scole in sutche sorte as the governors of the sayd scole shall lyke of, shall not have any of theyre children or childrens children presented or taught in the sayd scole.

John Sotheworth
Wm ffarington
Rychard Levesay
Thomas Astley
George Talbott
Rychard Parker
John Clayton
Thomas Holden
George Lyvesay

Nicholas Haworth
George Assheton
William Crosse
Thomas Gelybrand
Myles Asmoll
Adame Bolton
John Hodgeson
John Baron
Myles Marsden

Michaelmas and December, 1588.

Memorandum that there be three bonds for payment of fiftye pounds, remaynes in the hands of James Lyvesey servant* of Mr. Sergeant Walmysley which ^{li} is to be payed by Mr. [Lyvesey] this mychelmas 1588. With ^{li} increase.

6. Whereas theare is dyverse somes of money freely bestowed and promysed of Benevolence towards the purchasing of Landes or Rent for the mayntenance of the ffree grammar Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackburne; by dyverse of the worshypfull of the parysh of Blackburne & others; And whereas theare is a yerely rent of ^{li} offred to be assured to the said Schoole for ever by good & suffycient assurance in Law for twenty-yeres purchase which amounteth to the some of ^{li} and the said Benevolence will amounte, to the said some of ^{li}, yf it were Redye—Therefore It is thought convenyent by the governors of the said Schoole hereafter mencioned that the said Benevolence shalbe collected and payed at Blackburne to the hands of Sir John Soothworth Mr. Osbaldeston Sergeant Walmysley Thomas Talbot esquier William ffarington esquier : or to three of them at the least,

* *i.e.* agent.

uppon munday in the passion weeke next comynge; at Blackburne Church This xxiiijth day of December 1588.

Thomas Walmysley

John Osbaldeston

Thomas Talbott

Thomas Astley

Wm. ffarington

1 Sept. (1589).

Money payed by way of benevolence to thuse of the ffregramer Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackburne the first day of September Anno xxxi^o regine Elizabeth as followeth

In p'mis Mr. Justice Walmysley one of the

Justices of the Benche	-	-	-	-	cmks
Item William ffarrington Esquier	-	-	-	-	xli
Item Edward Braddill Esquier	-	-	-	-	iiij ^{li} vjs viij ^d
Item Mr. John Braddyll sone & heire apparante of the said Edward	-	-	-	-	xiijs iiij ^d
Item Mr. Robert Morley of Braddill	-	-	-	-	xxs
Item the inhabytants of the towne of Ryssheton	-	-	-	-	vij ^{li} xixs ijd
Item the Inhabytants of the towne of Wytton	-	-	-	-	xls
Item George Talbot of the Carre gent whereof xxs from the carre & xxs for Wytton	-	-	-	-	xls
Item Mr. Rychard Walmysley of Showley	-	-	-	-	xxs
Item the ffreholders & tenants of Mr. Barton esquier Justice Shuttleworth & Rauff Barton esquier in Blackburne	-	-	-	-	xiiij ^{li} ijs
Item the ffreholders and tenants of William ffarington esquier of the Rectorye of Blackburne	-	-	-	-	xli
Item the Inhabitants of the towne of Little Harwood	-	-	-	-	vij ^{li} ix ^s
Item Randle Lyvesey the Archer	-	-	-	-	x ^s
Item Laurence Aynisworthe of Lyvesey	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
Item Thomas Gelybronde of Romsgreave gent	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
Item Laurence Hayworth of neyther derwynt	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
Sm cxxx ^{li} xiiij ^s vi ^d					
Item Mr. Edward Walmysley	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
Item Mr. Robert Walmysley	-	-	-	-	xx ^s

Memorandum that the xth day of September Edward Osbaldston esquier did bring before the governors of the schoole at Blackburne the some of xxx^{li} which he wold then have payed of his benevolence & faver towards the purchasing of lands, yf the lands hadde beyn then know[n] and for want that lands were not then Readye to be bought, the said Mr. Osbaldston dyd take the money agayne & then promysed, that yf lands were purchased within ij yeres next he wold paye the said some of xxx^{li} uppon ij monthes warning, & that in the meane tyme the said Mr. Osbaldston of his benevolence will give yerely during the said ij yeres xl^s to the scholemaster & this was done forthwith for himselfe & his sone Mr. Alex Osbaldston & Henry Osbaldston and his [freeholders] tenants & followers.*

Memorandum that the said xth day of September Mr. Edward Osbaldston did gyve of his free will to the Scholemaster xx^s as parcell of his wages & as part of the xl^s before mencioned.

Memorandum that the day & yeare aforesaid Sir John Soothworth Knyght, did of his owne benevolence pay towards purchasing of Lands for the said Schoole vij^{li} iiij^s iiij^d to be repayed agayne at the ende of ij yeres next, yf Lands be not purchased within the said ij yeres. he dyd then also undertake by Mr. Ric. Soothworth his sone, to pay xx^{li} more for his tenants & followers within ii monthes, after knowledge gyven that Lands may be purchased for the said schoole, so as the same may be purchased within ii yeres.

Memorandum that Thomas Astley gent Alex Lyvesey & Lawrence Aynisworth are appointed & required to wayt upon Sir John Soothworth for the collection of the benevolence in Lyvesey & Tockholes.

Memorandum that John Gelyburne dyd affirme that in the payment by hym made for Mr. Barton's tenants in blackburne, he payed xx^s more then was due by xiiij^{li} ij^s whereas xiiij^{li} ij^s only was due as appereth. & upon the castinge of

* Last few lines mutilated.

the somes it fell out accordingly. And thereupon xx^s was repayed back to hym 10 Septembris 31^o Regine & yf this be mystaken he is contented to answeare it.

—Septembris A^o Dni 1589.

*Thomas Holcroft esquier	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
*Thomas Talbott of Bashall Esquier of his owne benevolence	-	-	-	-	vli
John Talbott of Whalley	-	-	-	-	xx ^s
Mr. Walshe vycarre of blackburne	-	-			xx ^s
William Dewhurste of Whilpeshyre	-				xx ^s
Sir John Soothworthe Knighte did pay & delyver likewise according as before is mentioned	-	-	-	-	vijli iiij ^s iiij ^d
of the inhabytants of the towne of neyther darwynt	-	-	-	-	ivli xix ^s ijd

And theare remayneth somes unpaid :

Gilbert Ryssheton of Duneshop gent	-	-			xx ^s
Nicholas Ryssheton of Antley gent	-	-			x ^s
William Ryssheton servant to Mr. Justice Walmysley	-	-	-	-	x ^s
Marginal note : 140 ^{li} 19 ^s 10 ^d					

[1589—1590.]

8. Memorandum that the some of one hundreth and fortye pounds parcell of the stocke of the Free Grammar Schoole of quene Elizabeth in Blackburne was lent the xth day of September 1589 unto Thomas Talbott of Basshall esquier to be repayed agayne upon the sixt day of October 1590 in the Sowth porch of the parishe Church of Blackburne for the repayment wherof & of xiiij^{li} for the forbearing therof at the day and place aforesaid the said Thomas Talbot standeth bounden to the Governors of the said Schoole by obligacion in the some ccc^{li} which obligacion was delyvered to Mr. Justice Walmysley savely to be kept.

Thomas Walmysley.

And also the said x of September the said Justice hadde
more—v^{li} lacking x^d

There is xx^{li} which was in Mr. Justice Walmysleys hands of which the somes last mencioned are parcell are lent to the Ladye Heskethe which she is to be payed upon the feast of Symon and Jude.

The principall Stocke of the Schoole of Blackburne due by
the persons herafter named.

Some total cclxxiiij^{li} js iiij^d.

xxx^o September a^o 1591 Yate Bancke.

Henry Romesbothome	-	-	-	-	-	iijs viijd
John Baron	-	-	-	-	-	iijs ijd
Robert Yate Junior	-	-	-	-	-	iiij ^s xd
uxor John Yate	-	-	-	-	-	v ^s
Robert Houlden and George Houlden	-	-				v ^s vjd
Robert Yate Senior	-	-	-	-	-	iijs viijd

Thurstan Mawdesley	-	-	-	-	-	-	vs
George Ashton	-	-	-	-	-	-	xviij ^d
James Haworthe	-	-	-	-	-	-	ijs ^s xd
Item paid by Sir John Soothwoorthe for Mr. Anisworthe	-	-	-	-	-	-	xl ^s
Item paid by George Ashton as monye receyved of my Ladye Ratsclyffe and her tenants of Tockholes	-	-	-	-	-	-	vli
Mr. Justice Walmysley haithe paide this daye vj ^{li} ix ^s viij ^d which he receyved for the Suynges fourthe of the assurance for the rente of xx ^{li}	-	-	-	-	-	-	vj ^{li} ix ^s viij ^d
Thomas Claiton Servant to Justice Walmysley paid this daye xvij ^s ij ^d remayninge of the some of iiij ^{li} xs wiche hee receyved towards the charges of the fyne and recoverie and other assurance soe as the charges of all the assurance and of a Seale and Boxe and a paper booke amountethe but to the some of iiij ^{li} ijs viij ^d	-	-	-	-	-	-	xvij ^s ij ^d
Sma xx ^{li} .							

And the same daye the said Mr. Justice Walmysley and Thomas Claiton remayne discharged of all somes of monye receyved by theym at any tyme heretofore towards the Use of the said Schoole.

12 Sept. 1590.

The wordes of the Letters patents conteyning the corporation of the free Scolle of Blackeborne—viz. Per nomen gubernatorum possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere scolle grammaticalis regine Elizabeth in blackbourne in comitatu Lancastrie.

The xij daye of September 1590 hit was agreed by the governors of the sayd scolle that sutch of the inhabitants

of the parish of blackborne as shall not contrybute towards the purchasing of the pension of xx^{li} for the maintenance of the sayd scolle [erasure] before Christmas next, shall not at any tyme afterwards have any their children or childrens children or offspring; receyved into the sayd scolle or there taught, but to be for ever excluded and forbarred from the same.

Thomas Walmysley.
John Sothworthe.

John Osbaldeston.
Thomas Talbott.

William ffarington.
Roger Nowell.
John Clayton.
Edwarde Maudysley.
Hughe Dyconson.
Thomas Gelibrand.
Myles Marsden.
George Assheton.
Jo. Gelibrond.
Nicholas Haworth.
Jo. Hodgeson.
Laur Ainesworth.

Wyllam Bolton.
Myles Asmoll.
Edward Welshe.
Rychard Lawe.
Richard Parker of Loveley.
Adam Bolton of brokehouse.
Jo. Cowburne.
James Rissheton.
Wylliam Holden.
James Garsden.
William Crosse.

Memorandum that the daye aforesaid the said some of xx^{li} within menconed to be paid was deliuered to William Boulton of Banckehey to be deliuered over to the Usshar of the said Schoole for the tyme beinge. Hee the said Usshar for the tyme beinge enteringe bonde withe two Sufficient Suerties with hym for the repayment of the said some of xx^{li} within one moneth after his decease or tyme of his departure or displacinge from the said Schoole. And the said some was soe delyvered upon this intent and condicion withe the Advise and consent of Mr. Justice Walmysley and Sir John Soothworthe and dyverse others the Governors of the same Schoole.

Memorandum also that the fyne and recoverie Inrolled for

the same Schoole, and the Indenture of bargayne and Sale of the rente to the Governors and also the Comon Seale for the same Schoole and a box wherein they weyre conteyned was the daye aforesaid deliuered to Olyver Lyvesay to be kepte for the Use of the same Schoole.

Also it is ordered that all forren Schollers and not of the parrisshe nor for whom anye contribucion haith byn towards the benefit of the said Schoole shall paye at the tyme of theire entrance to be taughte as scollers in the same Schoole —viii^d a quarter, and the same to be paid to the Master the first daye of everie quarter soe as the Scholemaster may answeare the same to the Usshar or otherwise as the Governors shall thinke meete. And if anye refuse to make sutche payment then hee not to be admytted or if hee be already, or shalbe admytted & refuse then to be expelled.

Item it is ordered that from hencefourthe there shalbe noe butcheringe or killinge of flesshe within the same Schoole.

Item that noe Englisshe interludes or playes shalbe from hencefourthe playde or used in the same Schoole.

Item that noe estraordinarie playe dayes to be graunted for Schollers of the same Schoole.

Thomas Walmysley.

Richard Parker.

Nicholas Haworth.

Myles Asmoll.

Myles Marsden.

John Soothworth.

Thomas Anysworth.

Wyllam Bolton.

George Asheton.

Richard Lawe.

"No date."*

Antaria
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Twoe Fyer howses and ij Fair newe Barnes with xvij acres of lande lyinge in diuerse parcells and in diuerse Fieldes in the West end of the Towne nowe in the tenures of William Houghton and John Houghton of the yearlie rente of - - - - -	xijs vjd
One howse called the priests chamber and a garden with an orchard belonginge to the same nowe in the tenure of Ingrame Willisell the rente ys - - - - -	v ^s
One other howse and a garden called the Fartell in the tenure of Richard Hey of the yearlie rente of - - - - -	iijs
One howse lykewise knowen by the name of a Tofte with a back syde conteyninge abowte one Roode called St. Leonards Banck nowe in the tenure of Nicholas Hancock and in the occupacion of Thomas Smalley of the yearlie rente of - - - - -	iijs iiij ^d
One howse and a garden thear in the tenure of William Wade and his mother of the yearlie rente of - - - - -	ijs viij ^d
Summa totalis of the same Chauntries - - -	xxvjs vjd

Crossed out : An obligacon made by Richard Houghton.

An other by Lawrence Heywood as follows.

- Endorsed, in later hand.
- (1) A Surveye of certaine landes in Tockolls in awnciente tyme belonginge to the Chanterie of Blackeburne, and now in the occupacion and possession of one Richard Houghton gentleman and Peter Clayton.
 - (2) In this box these parcells of evidences followinge.

In Exemplificacion of a fyne and a Recouerye under the seall of the Common place. [See p. 29.]

* Apparently these are notes of certain "Evidences" of the School, see p. 79.

One Indenture dated the second daye of Aprill a^o Elizabeth xxxiiij^o of a graunte of the Rente of xx^{li} to the Gouvernors, by Sir John Sothworthe & others.

A like Indenture of the same Rent made by the same parties dated ij^o die Aprillis a^o Elizabeth Regine xxxvj^{to} and bothe under ffour sealls a pece.

An old wryting in parchement without seall of the Foundation of the same Schole.

(3) Chantree landes in Padiham.

[FIRST ENTRY IN THE SECOND MINUTE BOOK.*]

20 Maij 1590.

The names of the Governors of the possessions Revenues and goods of the Free Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackeburne in the Countye of Lancaster as followethe :

Gylbarte Gerrarde Knight Master of the Rolles, *mortuus* 1592.

Thomas Walmysley one of her Ma^{ts} Justices of the Benche.

Sir John Soothwoorthe Knighte, *mortuus*.

Sir Richarde Shuttleworthe Knighte.

Robert Heskethe Esquire.

John Osboldston Esquire, *mort*.

Thomas Langton Baron of Newton.

Thomas Holecrofte Esquire, *modo miles*.

Thomas Talbot Esquire, *mort primo Maij* 1598.

Rauffe Barton Esquire, *mortuus* 1592.

Rauff Ashton Esquire.

William Farrington Esquire.

Edwarde Braddill Esquire.

John Talbot of Salburie Esquire, *mort*.

Roger Nowell Esquire.

Edwarde Walmysleye gent.

Thomas Anyswoorthe gent.

Rycharde Lyvesey gent. mortuus 1590

James Ryssheton of Mycklehey mort.

* The longer documents at the beginning of this Minute Book, are copies, and are given here just as they are.

Edwarde Welche vycar of Blakeburne.
 Thomas Astley gent.
 Richarde Parker gent. *mortuus* 1592.
 George Talbott gent.
 Alexander Osboldston gent. *mortinos** 1598.
 Robert Morley gent. *mortuus* 1592.
 Richarde Walmysley gent.
 Hughe Dyconson of Tockeholls, *mort* 1599.
 John Cowborne of Ediholls.
 Thomas Gelibronde, *mortuus* 1595.
 Lawrence Anyswoorthe.
 William Houlden, *mortuus* 1593.
 James Garsden, *mortuus* 1595.
 William Bolton, *mortuus* 1594.
 William Crosse, *mortinos** 1599.
 Lawrence Hawoorthe.
 Lawrence Duckesburye.
 George Lyvesaye of Sydebighte, 1592 *mortos* est*.
 Richarde Page, *obiit 2 die Januarij* 1590.
 Thomas Whitalghe, *obiit* 1591.
 Roger Smalley. John Claiton.
 Christofer Marsden of Feniscoles, *obiit* 1590.
 Edwarde Mawdisley, *obiit* 1591.
 John Gelibronde.
 Myles Aspinall, *mortuus* 1595.
 Nycholas Hawoorthe, *mortos* xviijth of December* 1597.
 Richarde Lawe.
 John Hodgson, *mort* 1597.
 George Ashton, *mortuos** 1599.
 Adam Bolton, *obiit* 1593.
 Lawrence Aspinall, *mort*.
 John Baron. Myles Marsden.
 Robert Walmysley, *elected xj Aprilis* 1591.
 Roger Gelyburne, *mort*, „ „ „
 John Hulton *elected 17 Sept. 1600 in the place of Roger*
 Gelibrond.

An Eleccion of Governors at Blackburne the ixth day of October 1593, made by the more parte of the Governors then lyvyng, being then & theare personally present, whose names so elected are as followeth :

Ferdinande Earle of Derby	-	-	xx ^s mortous est 1594.
Sir Thomas Gerrarde Junior	-	-	xx ^s
*Randle Barton esquier	-	-	xx ^s
*Thomas Soothworth esquier	-	-	xx ^s
*John Parker of Loveley gent.	-	-	vj ^s viij ^d pyed to George Assheton 20 Decembris 1596.
*Henry Mawdysley	-	-	xx ^s
Edmunde Harwoode	-	-	xx ^s (ruled out).
*James Astley of Pleysington	-	-	xx ^s

William Boulton and George Astley are appointed by all the Governours to collecte and gather the seuerall somes aboue sett downe.

An Eleccion of Governors att Blackburne the sevententhe daye of Aprill 1595 made by the more part of the Governors then lyvinge beinge then and thear personallye present : whose names soe elected are as followethe :

*James Anyswoorthe	-	-	-	vj ^s viij ^d mortuus 1596
*Henrye Feilden	-	-	-	vj ^s vij ^d condonatur pro servicio antehac impenso.
George Boulton	-	-	-	vj ^s viij ^d
Edmund Harwood	-	-	-	
*Lawraunce Gortonn	-	-	-	x ^s

An Election of Governors at Blackburne the xxth day of December 1596 by the more parte of the Governors theare present.

*John Abbott of Blackburne	-	-	x ^s	<i>payed to George Assheton mortinos</i>
				1598.
*Giles Ayniswourthe	-	-	v ^s	
*Edwarde Jelybronde	-	-	x ^s	
*George Asmolle	-	-	x ^s	

Memorandum that upon the accompt of George Assheton this present day theare remayneth in his hands with the seuerall somes of x^s pyed by John Abbot aforenamed & vjs viij^d pyed by John Parker, the some of xxiijs xjd.

Mr. Astley hath the bill of xx nobles made by Richard Houghton gent. and is upon the reseit of the said some to delyuer to the said Mr. Houghton the said bill, *which said bille is delyvered to the vse of the sayd Scolle* 1597.

A loose paper, belonging to this date.

1597.

Be yt knowne unto all menn by these presents That wee the Governours of the Free Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackburne haue receved and hadd of Margerie laite wiffe of Barnarde Smyth of Penryn Burrowe in the Countie of Cornwall yeoman by the hands of Thomas Claiton the some of twentie shillings as a legacie bequethed by the laste will and testament of the said Barnarde to the Schollers of Blackburne aforesaid of whiche said some of twentie shillings and of all accions sutes and demaundes for the same wee the said Governours of the Free Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackburne doe acquite and dyscharge the said Margerie her executors admynistrators and assignes for ever by these presents.

In wittenesse whereof hereunto wee have put oure Comon Seale this first daye of Aprill in the xxxix^{the} yeare of the reigne of oure Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England Fraunce and Ireland Defender of the Faithe &c.

By me Thomas Astley.

Memorandum that the daie and yeare abovesaid the said some of xx^s was received by me Thomas Astleye gentleman one of the Governors afforesaid to thuse and behouf before mencioned in the presence of

Nicholas Haworth
Georg Assheton.
Henrye Feilden
Rychard Lawe.

Gett Henrye Feilden to wryte this fayre over and lett Mr. Astley in the presence of some other of the Governors seale it withe the Comon seale and putt to the names of some witnesses then take it into your hands and deliuer the twentye shillings to Mr. Astley and send me the acqyutance to London with what speede you can.

Memorandum that the xxth daye of December 1597 at an Assemblie of the Governors of the Free Scolle of Blackeborne by one comon assente Mr. Rycharde Rusheton sone of Rawfe Rusheton esqwyre desseased was ellected to be Usher of the sayd Scolle & appointed to receive all sutche stypends fees & wadges as is or shalbe yerlye dwe or appertayning to the Usher of the sayd Skolle from tyme to tyme.

Which daye Mr. Thomas Walmesley eldeste sone of Mr. Justyce Walmesley was elected a Governore of the sayd Free Scolle, in the plase of Nycolas Haworth then latelye deade, & hath geven towards the stocke of the same Scolle - xx^s.

Item the same daye Mr. Justyce Walmesley dydde bring in the some of twentye shillings as a legacie bequethed by one Barnarde Smythe late Scollemaster of Blackeborne by his laste testament & which sayd some of xx^s was delyvered over unto the sayd Mr. Rycharde Rushton then Usher of the sayd Scolle by comon consente.

Memorandum that the xxjst daye of Aprill 1598 at an Assembly of the Governors of the sayd Scolle, Jhon Sotheworthe being sone & heyre apparante of John Sotheworthe of Samlesbury esqwyre, and Edwarde Osbaldeston heyre apparant of John Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston esqwyre, by one comon assente, were elected to be Governors of the sayd Gramer Scolle, in plase of Jhon Abbot & of Jhon Hodson, being then latelye departed owte of this worlde & hath geven - xx^s.

Memorandum that the xxvth daye of September 1598 Jhon Talbot of Bashall esquire was by a comon consente of the Governers of the Free Gramer Scolle of Blackeborne, ellected a Governor of the same Scolle, in the plase of Thomas Talbot esquire his late brother now diseased & hath geven xx^s which was presentelye bestowed upon the above named Rycharde Rusheton now Usher of the sayd Scolle, as parcell of his yerlye wadges due for this present yere 1598.

Memorandum xxj of December that Mr. Astley hathe deliured in one Obligacione to the Gouarnars mayd by Rycharde Houghton for the payment of Eyght pounds viij^s viij^d which remayneth in the Boxe, *and paiable at and vpon the Feaste of St. Michaell tharchangell 1598* as parcell of the Stock belonging to the said Scoole.*

Memorandum that the xxth of this Auguste 1599 these Governers whose names ensue were chosen Governors by the moste parte of the Governors there in the places of those whome were thertofore decessed.

Governers :

Sir Richard Houghton Knight is chosen Governor in place of Alexander Osbaldeston.

William Fleetwood Esquire likewise chosen Governor in place of George Ashton.

James Lyvesaye of Lyvesaye gent. likewise chosen Governor in place of William Crosse.

In primis Sir Richard Howghton Knight to-
wards the benefytt of the same Scoole hath
given - - - - - . . .

Item towards the benefytt of the said Scoole
the said Mr. Fleetwood hath geven the } vj^{li} xiijs iiijd^d
some of - - - - - }

Item the said James Lyvesaye hath likewise } xx^s
given - - - - - }

Item the said - - - - - . . .

Collectors appointed for Colleccion of the moneye afforsayd
for the use of the said Scoole by the consent of the said
Governors viz. Henrye Mawdesly & John Gellibrond to be
generall receevors of such benevolences as are or shalbe
geven to thuse of the said Scoole.

Memorandum that the some of xx^{li} was due and paialbe to
the said Governors by one obligacion made by one Lawrence
Heye and others at and upon the laste deye of December
1598, which was not paid accordnglye but onlye the some
of xxx^s which is paid to the Ussher of the said Scoole for
the forbearinge thereof for three quarters of the saide yeare
from the last of December last and the some of x^s resteth due
at Michaelis nowe next for the last quarter of the same yeare.

Memorandum that the daie and year abouesaid it is ordered
by the sayd Governors that yf the said some of xx^{li} mencioned
in the said obligacion be satisfyed and paid unto the said
Governors upon the last of December nowe next that then
the said Obligacion to be voyde and redeliured unto the said
parties, and yf they will geue warninge at or before the Feast
of St. Michael tharchangell now next unto Mr. Walche
now Vickar there or the Collectors afforenamed or to ether
of them for the having of the same an other yeare yt is agreed
that they shalbe taken putting in good securetie for the
payment of the same, and yf they will not doe the same that

then the said Obligation maye be renewed to the use afforsaid at the discreccion of the said Mr. Walch or the Collectors afforsaid.

xxj^o die Decembris 1599.

Coram Thomas Walmysley uno Justiciariorum Domine Regine ad Communia placita Thoma Sowthworth Johanne Osbaldeston armigero Jacobo Lyvesaye et aliis gubernatoribus etc.

This day it appereth by the Collectors afforsaid that the said obligation of bound of xx^{li} principall was renued and a newe bounde thereof made & taken, & the same deliuered and putt in to Coustody with other evidences for the same Scoole in the cheeste & the olde bounde redeliuered.

Item it is acknowledged the daye afforsaid that James Lyvesaye gent. hath paid to the Ussher of the said Scoole the some of xx^s to hym geuen of benevolence as afforsaid accordinge to an order thereof.

Item that the obligation of Mr. Richard Houghton gent. is renued and the same is nowe deliuered in to the cheeste and the olde bounde redeliuered.

Item it is thought meete that the some of twentye nobles nowe received of the benevolence of Mr. William Fleetwood esqwyre together with xx^s gyven by one Giles Shorrocke of Blackburne shalbe deliuered unto the hands of the said tooe Collectors and the benefytt thereof to be bestowed and hadd to the use of the said Ussher.

Item it is thought good by the consent of the Governors then present that John Crosse of Over Derwen gent. shalbe a Governor & is so elected and of his benevolence to paie the some of xx^s to be employed by the said Collectors to the use afforsaid together with the somes laste before mencioned.

xvij^o die Septembris 1600.

Coram Thoma Walmysley uno Justiciariorum Domine
Regine de Banco Johanne Osbaldeston et Willelmo
Fletewood Armigeris et aliis gubernatoribus etc.

This day it is thought good by the Gouvernors aforesaid that all bonds made for any money belonging to the said Schole shalbe from Michelmas next renewed for one whole yeare & upon payment of such money as shalbe then due for the forbearance thereof their ould bonds to be redeliuered.

And also it is now ordered that all such as have any of the Schole money in thir hands and haue not entered into bonde for the payment of the same againe, shall nowe from Michelmes next enter into bond with two sufficient suerties for the payment of the same.

And Mr. Lyvesay Mr. Astley John Clayton Henry Madisley John Gelibrond Richard Lawe & Henry Felden are desired to se the said bonds taken in the names of the Governors.

Vicesimo nono die Septembris Anno Regni Elizabeth
Regine etc. xliij^o [1601].

Whereas there was xx^s gyven by Mr. Barnard Smythe and other xx^s by John Crosse in benevolence to the Schoole aforesaid the same xl^s is deliuered into the hands of George Asmall for whiche hee haithe gyven his obligacion, and the same is nowe put into the Cheste.

Also William Risheton haithe paid this daye xl^s xjd to the Ussher remnant of a colleccion of Eighte pound, and the other vj^{li} is deliuered to John Elswycke of Mellor gentleman upon his obligacion. And the said xl^s xjd and also x^s in the hands of Edward Gelibrand for the receyte of Mellor is also to be put to the use of the Schoole.

Also a bill of xx^s bestowed by yonge Mr. Walmysley is in the hands of the Ussher and the Ussher haithe gyven his bill for it whiche is put in the Chest.

Memorandum there is xxx^s in the hands of George Boulton of Banckhey for whiche there is nowe noe securetie gyven whiche is to be paid to the Ussher and to be putt out by Mr. Astley and the others.

Also there is nowe deliuered to the Ussher by Mr. Astley xlix^s whiche remayned in his hands and is to be putt fourthe as aforesaid.

Memorandum also that it is agreed by all the Governors nowe present that the obligations hereafter mencioned vz: one of Lawrence Hey and others for xx^{li}: one of John Gelybrand and others for x^{li}: one of Richard Houghton for vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d: one of John Hylton for vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d and one of George Asmall for xl^s: shalbe renewed and securetie gyven vz: Lawrence Anyswoorthe with Mr. Houghton, and Mr. Fleetwood withe Mr. Hylton. And the use of all the somes aforesaid alreadye due and not paid is to be paid to the Ussher.

Memorandum that after all this George Asmall aforesaid paid the said xl^s to the Ussher the daye aforesaid and the said obligation for the same was deliuered agayne to George Asmall.

The names of suche persons as of their godlye and charitable dispositions bestowed anye benevolence towards the purchasinge of a yearlye rent of twentye pounds for the use of the Free Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabethe in Blackeburne and the severall somes bestowed by everie suche person.



Gylbart Gerrard Knight by his tenants of Sholley, Mellor, Balderston, and ———	
the some of - - - - -	...*
Thomas Walmysley one of her Majestie Justices of the Benche of his owne gyfte the some of a hundrethe marks - - -	lxvj ^{li} xiijs iiij ^d
Sir John Sothwoorthe Knighte his tenants and followers the some of twentie seven pounds	xxvij ^{li}
John Osboldston Esquire his tenants and followers the some of thirtie pounds - .	xxx ^{li}
William Farrington Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of tenn pounds - - - - -	x ^{li}
Thomas Talbot Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of fyve pounds - - - - -	v ^{li}
Edwarde Braddill Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of fyve marks - - - - -	iiij ^{li} vjs viij ^d
Thomas Sothwoorthe Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of fyve marks - - -	iiij ^{li} vjs viij ^d
Rauffe Barton Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of foure pounds - - - - -	iiij ^{li}
Thomas Langton Esquire Baron of Newton his tenants and followers the some of - -	v ^{li}
The Ladye Anne Ratcliffe of her own gyfte the some of - - - - -	...*
William Harwoode Clerke otherwise called Parson Harwoode of his owne gyfte three pounds - - - - -	iiij ^{li}
Thomas Holcrofte Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings - - -	xx ^s
Rauffe Assheton Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings - - - - -	xx ^s
Edwarde Walche vicar of Blackeburne of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings -	xx ^s
Edwarde Walmysley gentleman of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings - -	xx ^s

Roberte Walmsleye gent. of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings - -	xx ^s
Roger Nowell Esquire of his owne gyfte the some of thirtie three shillings foure pence -	xxxiijs iiij ^d
John Braddill sonne and heire apparent of Edward Braddill of his owne gyfte the some thirtene shillings foure pence - - -	xiijs iiij ^d
Raynolde Burscoughe servant to Sir Edmund Anderson Knighte Lord Cheiffe Justice of the Comon Place of his owne gyfte the some of - - - - -	vli
Roberte Morley gent. of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings - -	xx ^s
George Talbot of the Carre gent. of his owne gyfte the some of fourtie shillings whereof twentie shillings for the Carre and twentie shillings for Wytton - - -	xl ^s
Richarde Walmysley gent. of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shyllings - - -	xx ^s
Lawrence Anyswoorthe of Lyvesay of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shyllings -	xx ^s
Thomas Gelibronde of Romesgrave of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings -	xx ^s
Lawrence Hawoorthe of Netherdarwyn of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings -	xx ^s
Lawrence Dukesburye of Moche Harwoode of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shillings	xx ^s
Richarde Parker of Loveley gent. of his owne gyfte the some of twentye shyllings -	xx ^s
Gylbart Risheton of Doneshoppe of his owne gyfte some of twentye shillings - - -	xx ^s
John Gelibrond of Beardwoode of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings - -	xx ^s
John Talbot of Whalley gent. of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings - -	xx ^s
William Dewhurste of Wylpshire of his owne gyfte the some of twentie shillings - -	xx ^s

Nycholas Ryshton of Antley of his owne gyfte the some of tenn shillings - - - -	x ^s
William Ryshton servant to Mr. Justice Walmsley of his owne gyfte the some of tenn shillings - - - -	x ^s
Randle Lyvesay the Archar of his owne gyfte the some of tenn shillings - - - -	x ^s
Isabell Cunliffe laite wyffe of Robert Cunlyffe of the Sparthe of her owne gyfte - - -	x ^s
John Cowbrand† of the Ediholes of his owne gyfte the some of syxe shillings eight pence	vjs viijd
George Bolton by his laste Will the some of syxe syllings eighte pence - - - -	vjs viijd
Robert Catterall of monye for fyftenes whiche remayned in his hands thirtie eight shillings syxe pence - - - -	xxxvijs vjd
The Inhabitants of the towne of Ryshton the some of seven pounds nyntene shillings twoe pence - - - -	vijli xixs ijd
The Inhabitants of the towne of Wytton the some of fourtie shillings - - - -	xl ^s
The Freeholders and tenants of Mr. Justice Shuttlewoorthe and Rauffe Barton Esquire in Blackeburne the some of thirtene pounds twoe shillings - - - -	xiiijli ijs
The Freeholders and tenants of William ffarrington Esquire fermor of the Rectorie of Blackeburne the some of elleven pounds	xjli
The Inhabitants of the towne of Lytle Harwoode the some of syxe pounds tenn shillings - - - -	vjli x ^s
The Inhabitants of the towne of Netherdarwyn besydes some that remaynethe yet unpayde the some of foure pounds neyntene shillings twoe pence - - - -	iiijli xixs ijd

Mr. Holcrofts tenants in Billington and foure of Mr. Ashtons tenants there the some of fyftie twoe shillings and twoe pence - -	lijs ij ^d
The Inhabitants of the Overtowne of Harwoode the some of fyftie shillings - -	ls
The Inhabitants of the lower towne of Harwoode the some of twelve shillings syxe pence - - - - -	xij ^s vj ^d
The Inhabitants of Accrington Oswaldtwysle Claiton and Church as parte of theire benevolence collected by Gilbert Rishton and Thomas Ryley the some of thirtie fyve shillings and eleven pence - - - -	xxxv ^s xj ^d
The Inhabitants of Walton in the Dale the some of - - - - -	. . .
The Inhabitants of Tockeholes the some of -	. . .
George Yate of Yatebancke by his last Will -	vj ^s viij ^d
William Holden the some of - - - -	xx ^s
Thomas Holden of Eywood by his last Will payed by Randell Holden his executor -	xx ^s
Thomas Aynesworthe esquier and the Inhabi- tants of the towne of Pleasington - vli ^s xvijs ^s viij ^d ob(= $\frac{1}{2}$ d)	
whereof Mr. Ainsworthe paid for hym self xls	
George Anysworthe as Executor to George Waddington paid this xxix ^{the} of September a ^o 1602 a legacye of xx ^s bestowed by the said Waddington upon the said Schoole whiche xx ^s was the same daye deliuered to John Gelibrand viz. iij ^s iiij ^d to be bestowed upon Randle Lyvesaye for his paynes and the residue beinge xvjs ^s viij ^d for reparacions of the Schoole - - - - -	xx ^s
Memorandum that the same xxix ^{the} of September a ^o 1602 Richard Houghton paid Fyfteene shillinges foure pence for intereste for monye in his hand to Mr. Richard Risheton Usher of the said Schoole - -	xv ^s iiij ^d

Certayne Statutes and Orders to bee keepte in the Free Gramar Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackborne, agreed upon by the Gouvernors of the said Schoole December xxjth 1597 and after warde concented unto the xvijth of September 1600.

After the ringinge or towllinge of a bell, if that can bee haid soone after six of the clocke in the mornings, the Schoole Master and Usher with there Scollars in as dutifull manner as conveniently may bee, shall dayly come to the Schole and there shall haue prayres such as the Gouvernors shall from tyme to tyme apointe.

After prayers they shall begine to teach att or beefore seaven of the clocke and shall continewe untill xj And in the afternoones they shall begine to teach at or beefore one of the clocke, continewinge till after fyve of the clocke, and shall than alsoe have and use prayers.

After Mychalmas Day the Schoole shalbee taught from the Munday next after Mychalls Day untill Thursday in the whole weeke next beefore St. Thomas Day.

After Christenmas, upon Monday or Tusday next after the feast of the Epiphane untill Satarday, nexte beefore the vjth Sondag in Lente.

After Easter from the Monday next after Easter weeke, untill Thursday next beefore Whitsontide.

After Whitsontide, from the Monday next after Trenitie Sondag untill the Satarday next beefore the Eave of St. Mychalle.

All Sondagyes and holidayes in the yeare excepted, Shrawe Monday and Tustay all Thursdayes and Satardayes after noones.

Licence to play shall not bee granted to Scollars at there departinge from the Schole, nor to any other persons, than to persons of honor, or worshipp, or to Masters of Arte, or other persons of equivolente accounte, and by concente of some of the Gouvernors, in after nones onely, and once at the most in a

Petties shall bee taught by the Gramarians onely, at the appointemente of the Schoole Master or Usher, who shall see that they bee diligently instruckted.

Uppon dayes and tymes excepted from teachinge, the Scollars may be caused by the Schoole Master and the Usher to lerne to write, cipher, cast accounte, singe or such licke, and allsoe upon holidayes, and other convenient tymes.

Noe Scriviner* shall teach writinge schole termes without urgent cause oftener than once in the yeare for the space of one moneth : onely in the moneth of September if conveniently it may bee, but not att all betweene Monday next after St. Mychalls Day, and the first Monday in Lent.

Sith discontinuance is the greatest hinderence to proseedings in larninge Parents and Friends are not to discontinew schollars from the Schole, which if they doe, the discontinuars are to bee signified to the Gouvernors, for reformation thereof.

Noe schollars are to bee admitted to the Schole under the age of fve yeares, and such onely as shall bee in fittinge soarte; fitt to conceave larninge, &c.

The Schollars shall diligently apply there bookes, dutifully and decently beehaue themselues, in all things, in all places, and att all tymes, and to all persons, espetially to the Gouvernors, and shall frequente Divine Service upon Sondayes

* Scrivener, a visiting writing-master.

& Holidayes, for which purtpose there parents and frennds shall apparell them decently, that all excuses of absence may bee remouved.

The formes or sieges may bee seaven, if the capacities and proseedinge of the Schollars soe require.

The Authors in Lattin for any Introducktion may bee the gramar, Cato¹ de Moribus, *Supistris*, *Verulanus*,² de morribus in mensa, Esopes Fables, etc. In poetrie Terence, Ovide, Vergill, Horrace, Juvenal and Persius. In histories Salust, Cecars Commentaries, and *Tullus*³ *Liuias* Decades: In Cicerowes workes, his familiar Epistells, offices tusculans questians, his Retoricke and Oracions, for Epistells Macro-pidius, for Themes Athonius, for the principles of religion, some Chathachisme allowed by the Ordinarie, the Spalter, and such like.

The Authors in Greeke may bee Cambdens or *Clemades*⁴ Gramar, Basills, Epistells, Isocrates Orations, Hesiod, Homer, Theocritus, Pindarus, *Olnithrace*, *Demostenes*⁵ Oracions, and the Greeke Testament.

In Hebrue if any bee willinge and fitt there unto some Hebrue Gramar of Splalter.

The principles of Arithmeticke, Geometrie, and Cosmographie with some introducktion into the sphere, are proffitable.

The exercises may bee Englishes, speakinge Lattin, varications, duble translacions, disputacions, verses, epistells, themes, and declamacions in Latin and Greeke.

1. Dionysius Cato, Latin Moralist IV. century.

2. Sulpitius Verulanus, De Moribus in Mensa, published 1515.

3. Titus Livius.

4. Clenard's Greek Grammar, published at Louvain, 1530.

5. Demosthenes, Olynthiac Orations.

Once yearly at some conveniente tyme espetially in September the schollars shall exersise themselues in verses or other exersises seuerally in prasinge God who of his fatherly providence haith moved the Gouvernors and benefactors of this Schole to prepare the same, for the bringinge upp of youth, and proffitt of his Church, prainge God that others by there example may bee sterred upp to beestowe there goods upon such licke Godly uses.

[PURCHASE OF LAND IN MELLOR.*]

[1657.]

This Indenture made the firste day of September in the yeare of our Lord God One thowsand six hundred fiftie and seven Betweene Sir John Talbott of Salisburie in the Countie of Lancaster Knight and Richard Haworth of Manchester in the Countie of Lancaster Esq. on thone partie And the Governors of the possessiones Revenewes and goodes of the Free Gramer Schole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackburne in the Countie of Lancaster on thother partie Witnesseth that the said Sir John Talbott and Richard Haworth for and in discharge of a Truste in them and others nowe deceased reposed for the use of the said Schole of Blackburne And for divers other good cawses and consideraciones them movinge Have granted aliened bargained sould enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doe grant alien bargain sell enfeoffe and confirme unto the said Governors of the possessiones Revenewes and gooddes of the said Free Gramer Schole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackeburne in the Countie of Lancaster and their successors for ever All that one Messuage and Tenement with thappurtenences scytuate lyinge and beinge in Mellor in the said Countie of Lancaster comonly called or knowne by the name Whithalghe howse or Whithalghe Tenement And all those closes or parcells of growned thereunto belonginge or therewith usually occupied comonly called or knowne by the severall names of the Marled The Nopacres The Roughe field The Rye Crofte The Roche

* See pp. 154, 155, 254, 255, 387, 392.

Crofte The Crofte before the Dore The Sedge Holle The Sugar Meadowe The Newe Intacke All which said closes conteyne by estimacion in the wholle Twentie Nyne acres of land meadowe and pasture or thereabouts sett scytuate lyinge and beinge in Mellor aforesaid in the said Countie of Lancaster nowe or late in the severall tenures or occupacions of Leonard Clayton Clerke and William Yates or of there assigne or assignes or some of them and heretofore in the possession or occupacion of Richard Whitalghe gent. deceased And alsoe all that one newe barne lately erected and alsoe one closse or parcell of land called the Sedge Hole wherein the said barne nowe standeth lately improved & inclosed from the Commones and Wastes of Mellor aforesaid and scytuate lyinge and beinge in Mellor aforesaid nowe or late in the tenures or occupaciones of the said Leonard Clayton and William Yates or their assignes and heretofore in the Tenure or occupacion of James Whithalghe gent. deceased or his assignes And alsoe all and singular howses edifices buildinges orchardes gardens landes meadowes pastures feedinges woodes under woodes wayes waters watercourses springes fishinges commones commune of pasture and turbarie mores mosses mynes quarries rents revercions services proffittes priveledges emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever with all and singular their and every of their appurtenances to the said premisses belonginge or therewithall or to or with any parte parcell or member thereof heretofore had used occupied demised or enjoyed or accepted reputed taken or knowne as parte parcell or member of the same or of any parte or parcell thereof And alsoe the revercione and revercions remander and remanders of all and singular the said premisses and every parte and parcell thereof And alsoe all the estate right title intereste use inheritance therein of them the said Sir John Talbott and Richard Haworth and either of them All which premisses were heretofore granted bargained or sould by the said James Whithalgh and one Raphe Walkden of Livesay in the said Countie of Lancaster yeoman To Sir Thomas Walmisley Knight deceased the

said Sir John Talbott John Osbaldeston esq. also deceased Radcliffe Ashton esq. also deceased and the said Richard Haworth by one Deede of feofment bearinge date the foure and twentieth day of Auguste in the firste yeare of the reigne of our late Sovereigne Lord Kinge Charles over England &c : To have and to hould the said Messuage and Tenement barne buildinges landes and hereditaments and all other the premisses with all and singular their appurtenances before in and by these presents granted bargained and sould or intended to bee hereby granted bargained and sould and every parte and parcell thereof to the said Governors and their successors to thuse of the said Free Schole for ever in as large and ample manner as they the said Sir John Talbott and Richard Haworth have or ought to have the same To hould of the Cheeffe Lord or Lordes of the Fee or Fees thereof by the rents and services therefore heretofore due and of right accustomed And the said Sir John Talbott for him and his heirs doth covenant and grant to and with the said Governors and their successors by these presentes that the said Messuage and Tenement barnes buildinges landes hereditaments and premisses with thappurtenances att tyme of thensealinge and deliverye hereof is and soe shall and may contynue and bee discharged or saved harmlesse of and from all actes charges and incumbrances whatsoever heretofore had made done or comitted by him the said Sir John Talbott or by any other by his means or consent The rent and services hereafter to bee due to the Cheeffe Lord or Lordes of the Fee or Fees thereof and the annuall rent of one penny reserved due and payable to the said James Whithalge and his heirs for ever att the feaste of Pentecoste if itt be lawfully demanded excepted and foreprised And the said Richard Haworth for him and his heirs doth covenant and grant to and withe the said Governors and their successors by these presents that the said Messuage and Tenement barne buildings landes hereditaments and premisses with thappurtenances att the tyme of thensealinge and deliuerie hereof is and soe shall and may contynue and bee discharged

or saved harmlesse of and from all actes charges and incumbrances whatsoeuer heretofore had made done or comitted by him the said Richard Haworth or by any other by his means or consent The rents or services hereafter to bee due to the Cheeffe Lord or Lordes of the Fee or Fees thereof and the annuall or yearly rent of one penny reserved due and payable for the same premisses to the said James Whithalghe and his heirs for ever att the feaste of Pentecoste if itt bee lawfully demanded excepted and foreprised In witnesse whereof the parties to theise presents have hereunto interchangably putt their handes and seals the day and yeare firste above written.

John Talbot. Richard Haworth.

Sealed signed and delivered by the within named Sir John Talbott Knight in the presents of us

Thomas Boulton
Richard Sallom

Sealed signed and delivered by the within named Richard Haworth in the presents of

Richard Webster
Henry Whithalghe
Thomas Haworth

Inrowled upon Recorde according to the forme of the Statute before Edmund Hopwood esquire one of the Justices assigned to keepe the peace within the countie of Lancaster, and Josephe Rigbie gent. Clerke of the Peace of the said Countie, the sixteenth daye of October in the yeare of our Lord One thousand six hundred fiftie seaven.

Edm : Hopwood. Josephe Rigbie.

This is a true Copie & doth agree with the originall examined the eleventh daye of Februarie 1657 by us

Roger Gelibrond.
Law : Haworth.

The following documents, concerning Whitehalgh Tene-ment, are in possession of the School : viz :

1. 26 May 1. Eliz : 1559. An Indenture between Edward Coton of Hilson, Derby, and Elizabeth, widow of Laurence Whytalgh, of Mellor. Edward lets for 46^s/8^d, to Elizabeth, land which she now occupies in Mellor, for 38 years at 13^s/8^d rent. Every other year the rent is to be brought to the " chappel in Dynstlay deyne at the ferme days accustomed." Test. Gyles Bolton, James Whytalgh, Chr. Whalley, Alex. Bolton, Sir Edmund Bolton, priest. [The first Chantry-priest and Schoolmaster, see p. 2.]

2. 2 Oct. 43 Eliz : 1601. Indenture. James son & heir of Richard Whytalghe late of Whytalghe in Livesey, gives to Mary, widow and administratrix of Richard, 6^{li} in settlement of dowry-claims on Mellor lands, and 5/- "*nomine pene.*" Test. Edward Gelibrand, William Garstange, Ric. Aspden, Wm. Lemon.

3. 15 Dec. 44. Eliz : 1601. Thomas and John Sothworth of Samlesbury, bound to James Whithalghe in 220^{li} to keep an Indenture of Bargain, sale &c. (Sealed signed &c. in presence of Jas. Hodgekinson, Ric. Aynsworth, Wm. Garstange, Wm. Abbott, Roger Haydock.)

4. 5 Jan. 44. Eliz : 1602. T. & J. Sothworthe give land in Mellor lately occupied by Richard (above) to Jas. Whithalghe, for 110^{li}. This land was lately part of estate of John Sothworthe deceased. Attorneys are Wm. Garstang and Geo. Preston. (Sealed signed &c in pres. of Ric. Aynsworth, Wm. Abbott, Roger Haydock, James Ward.)

5. Monday, sixth week of Lent, 1606. Fine, between Jas. Whithalgh plaintiff, & Thomas Sothworth and Rosamund his wife, & John, son & heir, deforciant. The latter recognise rights of former, and receive 60^{li}.

6. Indenture. 17 Nov. 20 James I. 1622. Between James Whithalghe of Whithalghe in Livesay (1) & Richard

Marsden, of Shorrock Grene, in Mellor (2). (1) lets to (2) "the Roitche Crofte," "the Rye crofte," "the Roughe feilde," "the Two Noppe acres," "the Marled Earthe," *i.e.*, 16 acres, for 11*li*. The Indenture to be annulled by repayment of the money.

7. 24 Aug. 1 Chas. I. 1625. (Copy) James Whithalghe & Ralph Walkden, for 230*li*, sell to Sir Thomas Walmysley of Dunkenhalth, Sir John Talbott, John Osbaldeston, Ratcliffe Ashton & Ric. Haworth of Graye's Inn, the Whithalghe Tenement (land-names as in No. 6) with "the Crofte before the Dore," "the Sedge hole" "the Sugar meadow" & "the New Intacke," 29 acres, lately in occupation of the first two and John Smith, & formerly property of Ric. Whithalghe. Possession given in presence of Roger Gelibrond, Henry Walmesley, Ric. Ainsworth, Nicholas Robinson. Sealed signed &c., with same witnesses.

8. 4 Aug. 1 Chas. I. 1625. James Whithalgh of Livesey, is bound to the Governors in 470*li*, to keep the conditions of No. 7. Sealed signed &c. in presence of Henry Blundell, Wm. Howes, Roger Gelibrond.

9. 22 Aug. 1 Chas. I. 1625. James (son of Ric. & Mary Whithalghe) had given Mary, by Indenture (2 Oct. 44 Eliz.) 6*li* per ann. as her dowry, on Mellor lands. Now he gives her, instead, certain lands in Livesey.

10. 22 Aug. 1 Chas. I. 1625. The Governors give letter of Attorney to Roger Gelibrond, to receive the Whithalgh Tenement &c. from owners, as in No. 7. Twenty-seven Governors sign a schedule annexed, and the document is sealed with the official School seal, broken.

11. 29 Aug. 1 Chas. 1625. Fine between certain Governors, as in No. 7 and (2) James and Agnes Whithalgh, with Ralph and Alice Walkden. The latter receive 80*li*, and acknowledge the rights of the Governors.

EVIDENCES CONCERNINGE THE SCHOOLE OF BLACKBURNE.

1. Inprimis a Lycence of Mortmayne from the Queene, being the fundacion of the same Scole.

2. Item a Decree of the Courte of Duchie, towchinge the auncient lands of the Scoole of Blakeburne. (See p. 84.)

3. Item a lettere of attorney mad by the Gouvernors of the Scole of Blakeburne to Tho: Clayton. (See p. 101.)

4. Item one Indenture of covenants for thassuringe of the yearlye rente of twentie pounds to be issuyng oute of the Capitall Messuage or mancion howse called Farnehill Peele in Farnehill in the Countye of Yorke, and all lands knowne by the name of the Demaynes of Farnehill or by anye other name then in the occupacion of Edmund Eltoftes Esquire or his assignes in Farnehill aforesaid in the Countye of Yorke for ever made betwene the same Edmund on thone partie and the Governors of the same Schoole Sir John Soothwoorthe Knight, Thomas Talbot, John Osboldston, and William Farrington Esquires, Edward Walmysley, and Robert Walmysley gent. on thother partie bearinge date the laste daye of September in the twoe and thirtithe yeare of the reigne of the Quenes Maiestie that nowe is. (See p. 103.)

5. Item one Obligacion bearinge date the said laste of September in the twoe and thirtithe yeare of her Maiestie said reigne, maide by the said Edmund Eltoftes and Thomas Eltoftes sonne and heire apparent of the same Edmund to the said Governors wherein the same Edmund and Thomas stand bonde in the some of Seven hunderethe pounds withe condicion for performance of the covenants in the same Indenture conteyned. (See p. 108.)

6. Item one part of a Cyrographe of a fyne levyed a^o dicte Dñe Regine xxxij^o betwene Edward Walmysley and Robert Walmsyley plaintiffs And the same Edmund Eltoftes, Thomas Eltoftes sonne and heire apparent of the same Edmund Sir John Soothwoorthe Knighte Thomas Talbot Esquire John Osboldston Esquire and William Farrington Esquire

deforciants, of tenn messuages, tenn gardaynes, fourtie acres of land, a hunderethe acres of meadowe, fyve hunderethe acres of pasture, and fourtie acres of wood with thappurtenances in Farnehill with a Render of a yearlye rente of twentie pounds with a clause of distresse for the same and a *nomine pene* issuinge oute of the same lands to the said Sir John, Thomas, John, and William and the heires of the said Sir John. 7. Item the Copie of dyuers offices of Mr. Eltoftes lands. 8. Item the Copie of an auncient peece of Evidence of Mr. Eltoftes lands. (See pp. 29, 92, 94, 98.)

9. Item a Recoverie termino Hillarij anno xxxiiij^o regine Elizabethe by William Risshton and Thomas Claiton demaundants againste Edward Walmysley and Robert Walmysley tenants of tenn messuages, tenn gardeyns, fourtie acres of land, a hunderethe acres of meadowe, fyve hunderethe acres of pasture, and fourtie acres of woode, withe thappurtenances in Farnehill with double voucher exemptyfied under the Seale of the Courte of the Benche at Westminster whiche was hadd to cutt of the former estate tayle of the same lands. (p. 110.)

10. Item the Quenes letters patent of the Foundation of the said Scoole. (See p. 8.)

Memorandum that the Evidences aboue specified weare deliuered the xjth of Aprill in the xxxiiijth of oure Sovereigne Ladye Quene Elizabethe by Mr. Justice Walysley to the use of the Governors, and put in a longe boxe *whiche Boxe is nowe remaininge in a grene cheste in the Churche of Blackburn.**

[Signed:]

Sir John Soothwoorth the Knight.

John Osbaldeston.

William ffarington.

John Cleyton.

Edward Welshe.

Nicholas Hawoorth.

per me Hugonem Dyconson.

Thomas Astley.

John Gelibrond.

George Ashetone.

Richard Lawe.

Thomas Gelybrond.

Wyllam Bolton.

Myles Marsden.

* The words in italic are in a different handwriting.

1. Item there is an Exemplificacion under the seale of the Comon Plase of a Fyne levyed by Edmund Eltoftes esquire Thomas Eltoftes his sonne & heire apparant and others which Fyne is before mencioned, and of a Recouerye also before mencioned.

2. Item an Indenture of Bargaine and Sale made by Sir John Sowthworth Knight John Osbaldeston Thomas Talbott and William Farington esquires unto the Governors of the said Scoole of a rente charge of xx^{li} Dated the second of Aprill a^o xxxiiij^o* Elizabeth Regni Regine and inrowled in the Comon Plase, termino Pasche a^o xxxiiij^o Elizabeth rotulo xij^o.

3. Item an Indenture made betwixte the said parties of the same rente Dated ij^o die Aprillis a^o RR^{ne} Elizabeth xxxvj^{to} and inrowled in the Comon Plase termino Pasche a^o xxxvj^{to} Elizabeth rotulo secundo.

4. Item one Obligacion made by William Bolton and others to the said Governors for the payment of xx^{li} in moneye alredie to hym and others deliuered to the use of the Ussher.

5. Item an Indenture and Feoffament of landes in Lyvesaie made by Thomas Duckesburie to James Whitalghe and others Dated a^o xij^o Hen. viii.

6. Item an olde parchment conteninge the first Foundation of the Scoole unsealed, and a Copie also of the same in paper.

7. Item the copies of a Bill Answer Replicacion and Reioynder towching the said Scoole.

8. Item a copie of a Case concerning the said Scoole.

9. Item a copie of an Order taken in the Duchie termino Michaelis a^o xxvij et xxviiij^o Elizabeth Regine towching the said Scoole.

10. Item an olde Booke of orders notes charges and paymente in paper towching the said Scoole.

11. Item the Comon Seale of the said Scoole.

Memorandum that the Evidences and Writings last before mencioned weere putt in a blacke square boxe to the use

* Error, for 36 Eliz. The deed is extant.

of the saide Scoole the xxvijth of September 1594, et anno RR^{ne} Elizabeth xxxvj^{to} in the presence of: *and lefte in the sayd cheste.*

[Signed :] Thomas Walmysley.
 William Farington.
 Thomas Astley.
 Edward Welshe.
 John Cleyton.
 John Gelibrond.
 Wyllam Bolton.
 George Asheton.
 Myles Marsden.

‘INSPEXIMUS’ OF QUEEN ELIZABETH, 22 FEB. 1585-6.

SETTLEMENT OF THE GOVERNORS’ CLAIMS.

Elizabeth Dei^{us} gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc Omnibus ad quos presentes littere nostre pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus tenorem cuiusdam decreti sive recordi in Camera Ducatus nostri Lancastrie apud Westmonasterium inter recorda eiusdem Ducatus ibidem remanentis et existentis in haec verba: Termino Michis annis Regni Regine Elizabeth etc. xxvij^{mo} et xxvii^o die Veneris viz. xxvj^{to} Novembris 1585 Inter Ricardum Lyvesaye et alios Inhabitantes de Blackburne querentes et Ricardum Goodshawe et Nicolaum Halsted defendentes. Whearas matter of variance is depending in this honorable Courte betwene the sayd parties for and concerning the right intrest and tyle of in and to certaine messuages lands tenements and hereditaments with thappurtenances sett lying and being in Brunley Padihame and Blackeborne in the Countie of Lancastre and in Sladburne in the Countie of York being copihold landes and tenements holden of her Maiestie according to the Customs of the Manors of Ightenhill and Sladburne, and the weapontage of Clitherowe parcell of the possessions of

the Duchie of Lancaster claymed by the sayd Complainants to be geven & assured in the fifte yeare of the raigne of the late King Henry the Eight to and for the mayntenance of a Free Gramer Schole in the towne of Blackburne aforesaid and alleaged by the Deffendants to have bene geven and assured for the mayntenance of a Chauntrye in the Church of Blackburne aforesayd, which sayd cause hath beene at severall daies in this presente terme of St. Michael hard & debated in open Courte beffore the Chancellor and Counsell of this Courte by the Counsell lerned of both the sayd parties, and now this presente Fryday being the xxvjth of November abovesayd the sayd cause hath eftsoones beene hard & debated beffore the said Chancellor Sir Gilbert Gerrard Knyght Mr. of the Rowles John Clinch one of the Justices of her Highnes Benche, William Fleetwood Sergeant at Law and John Brograve esquier Atturney Generall of this Courte and by them fullie understoode & considered of. And forasmuch as upon the hearinge therof it appeared aswell by an Indenture dated the third day of Aprill in the fifte yeare of the raigne of the said late King Henry the Eight shewed fourth by the said Complainants as also by a Decree made in this Courte in the terme of St. Hillarye in the seacond yeare of the Queenes Maiestie that now is that the said landes tenements and other the premisses were geven especiallie and principallie to the use and mayntenance of a Chauntry prist to sing and say masse and other superstitious service in the Chappell of our Lady in the Church of Blackborne aforesaid, which Chantrie prist should teach gramer schoole and a song schoole, and if such a one cold be hadd, and if not then a songe schole, & for that the sayd premisses are and at the tyme of the dissolution of Chauntries were copihold landes holden of her Maiestie & her progenitors according to the customes of the said Manors of Ightenhill & Sladburne & the weapontage of Clitherowe. And forasmuch as it appeared that the late King Edward the Sixt did direct a Comission under the Seale of his Courte, after the Statute made for the Dissolucion of Chauntries, that is to weete, in the

fourth yeare of his raigne amongst other to the Stuerds understewards surveyour and receivors of the said Lordships Sookes Liberties and Franchises aforesaid rehearsing that for so much as by the sufferance and necligence of them and their predecessors officers of the said Lordships Manors Sookes Liberties & Franchises dyvers & sondry parcells of lands tenements and rentes holden by copie of Courte rolle of the said severall Lordships and Manors, contrary to the politique lawes and statutes of this Realme, and against the customes of the said Lordships and Manors to his disherison with the losse of his fynes customes & services were surrendred and geven uppe to Feoffes and otherwyse to thuse of Chauntry priestes and Stipendary priestes & other incorporacions intents and purposes mencioned in the Statute whereby Colleges and Chauntries were geven to his possession, yet nevertheles although he might aswell for the causes aforesaid as for dyvers forfaytures and other consideracions enter into the same imediatly his Highnes was contented and pleased that every such person and priestes and other spirituall & ecclesiasticall persons as had the profites of the same at the tyme of the making of the said Statute should have and enioy the profites therof during their naturall lyves according to the Statute aforesaid, & to thintente to reduce the said premisses into their former estate so that afterwardes the said King his heires and successors might justlie and dulia have all such fynes relieffes rents customes & services as he at any tyme before or any his noble progenitors had of the premises according to the severall customes of his said Lordships and Manors, his Highnes therefore by the advyse of the Chancellor and Councell of this Courte for the tyme being did will and comand the said officers that imediatly upon the sight therof they & every of them sevrallie within their offices by vertue of the said Commission at the Courtes to be holden within the said Lordshipps & Manors should with all speed grante demyse and lett by copie of Courte Rolle unto Sir Edward Warner Knight, Henry Savill Esquire, and James Gardiner their heires and assignes, or

to such other person or persons as they should name and appointe to their heires and assignes for ever according to the Customes of the said severall Lordships & Manors with a proviso for the taking of the accustomed fyne, upon every of the said grants, and reserving therupon to the said late King his heirs and successors thold & accustomed rentes and services of and for the premisses to be payed when the said persons should be in possession of the said premisses and not afore. And with another provyso that the said premisses shall not conclude the tytle of any stranger other than the preists and Feoffees seased to their uses and for asmuch as it appeared that the said premisses now in variance by force & vertue of the said Comission, were by the said Stewards demysed and letten by copie of Courte Rolle according to the severall customes aforesaid, to certaine persons severallie and their severall heirs named & appoynted by the said Sir Edward Warner, Henry Savill and James Gardiner to the use of one Thomas Burgesse Clerke, late Chantrie priest of the said Chauntie during his lyfe & afterwarde to their owne uses according to the purporte of the said Commission. And for that it appeared that the said purchasers payed dyvers somes of money for the said premisses aswell to the said late King Edward the Sixt, as to the said Sir Edward Warner Knight, Henry Savill, and James Gardiner, and that the said Deffendants and other the now Tenants and Copiholders of the said premisses or their ancestors have likewyse payed great somes of money for the said premisses to the said first purchasers or others from whom they claime and deryve their tytle And for that the said Thomas Burgesse† Clerke received and tooke the issues & profits of the said premisses during his naturall lyfe by vertue of the said Commission and admission. And for asmuch as since the death of the said preist the tytle of the said Deffendants and other purchasers and copieholders of the said premisses was by the said Decree made in this Courte in the said second yeare of the Queenes Maiesties raigne,

† *He died circa 1561.*

confirmed and allowed of and an iniunction awarded to the under-tenants of the premisses to pay the arrearages of the rentes to the then Deffendants and other Copiholders and from thencforth to permitt them to occupie and enioy the said premisses and a Comission therupon awarded to the said Steward to putt the said then Deffendants and other Copiholders into possession of the same premisses. And from tyme to tyme to mantayne and preserve them in the same, & for that it appered by Decree or Decrees made in this Courte, that the tytles of the said new Copiholders have been from tyme to tyme allowed by this Courte and that the accustomed rents and services of the said premisses have beene truly answered and payed to her Maiestie and her progenitors, for asmuch as the dismission made in this Courte in the iiijth and vth yeres of the late King Phillip and Quene Marie shewed by the said Complainants seemed to be obtayned upon a surmyse, that the said premisses were geven only or cheefely for the use of the said Free Schoole, which appeareth otherwyse by the said Indenture. It is therfore this xxvjth day of November, in the eight & twentieth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queene of England, France & Ireland Defendor of the Faith etc. ordered & decreed by the Chancellor and Counsell of this Courte that the said Deffendants and other Copiholders having estates from the said purchasers & theire heirs and assignes within the said Manors and Weapontack of Ightenhill Sladburne Clitherowe & Blackburne shall from henceforth for ever severallie have hold occupie and enioye the said severall messuages lands tenements and other the premisses with thappurtenances by them severallie claymed without lett trouble sute vexacion eviccion disturbance denyall or interruption of the said Complainants & Inhabitants of Blackburne aforesaid or any of them, theire or any of their heires or assignes or of any other person or persons having or clayming any estate or tyle in or to the said premisses or any parte thereof by from or under the said Complainants & Inhabitants theire heires

or assignes or any of them, or by theire or any of theire assent consent or procurement, or by from or to the use of the said Scoole of Blackburne in anywyse. And it is further ordered and decreed by the said Chancellor & Councell of this Courte that the said Richard Lyvesey one of the said Complainants & such other persons as have or claime to have any estate or interest in or to the said premisses or any of them by force of a Surrender in the tyme of the late King Phillip and Queene Marie by reason of a warrant from the said late King and Quene or otherwyse to or for the use and maintenance of the said Scoole shall after the Feaste of St. Michael Tharkangell next and beffore the Feast of the birthe of our Lord God next ensuing in the open Courtes of the said severall Manors & Wapontage lawfullie & according to the severall customes therof at the costs and charges in the lawe of the said Deffendants surrender release and extinguishe all theire and every of theire estate & estates right tytle intrest & demand of in and to the said messuages landes & tenements, to the said now Copiholders, and to theire severall heires & assignes & that the said Complainants theire heires or assignes shall also beffore the said Feast deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Nicholas Halsted one of the said Deffendants all the Copies of Courte Rowles which they have for the maintenance of theire said pretended tytle for the use of the said Schoole so as the said now Copiholders may for ever hereafter quietly have and enioy the said premisses without any further troble suite or vexacion. And in consideracion heareof & forasmuch as it appeared by the said Indenture, that the said Chauntrie preist shold be sufficiently lerned in grammer, yf any such cold be gotten, that shold keepe continuallie a Free Grammer Schole, wherby it seemed that the founders of the said Chantrie had some respect to the sayd Schoole. And forasmuch also as the said late King Edward the vjth did after the dissolucion of Chantr[ies] directe his Commission unto Sir Walter Mildmay Knyght & Roberte Kelleway Esquier & others auctorishing them (amongst other things) to appointe what Schooles,

within the said Countie of Lancaster were necessary to be mantayned and kept and to lymitt and apppoint what stipend shold be allowed for the same, by force wherof the said Comissioners thought it convenient that the said Free Schoole of Blackburne shold be contynued & appointed the some of Four pounds seven shillings and fower pence for & towards the stipend therof, as by the Certificat of the said Commission remayning of Record in this Courte appereth, which said stipend hath not beene beffore this tyme demanded or payd, and for that the right honorable Sir William Cicill Knight Lord Burleigh and Lord Treasurer of England & some other of her Maiesties most honorable Privie Counsell have directed theire lettres in favour of the maintenance and continuance of a Free Gramer Schoole theare. It is therffore ordered and decreed by the said Chancellor with full consent of the said Sir Gilbert Gerrard John Clinch William Fleetwood & the rest of the Councill of this Courte that the said some of iiij^{li} vijs iiij^d shalbe from henceforth yearly allowed & payed by her Maiestie her heires & successors out of the Revenewes of the said Duchie of Lancaster by the Receiver of the same Countie of Lancaster for the tyme being in or at her Maiesties Castle of Clitherowe in the said Countie of Lancaster at & upon the first day of May acording to the direction and appointment in effect of Sir Walter Myldmaye Knight & Roberte Kellwaye by vertue of the Comission to them directed as aforesaid to & for the better maintenance of the said Free Gramer Schoole in Blackburne aforesaid which is now incorporated by her Maiestie, & commonly called her Maiesties Free Schoole, & this Decree shalbe a sufficient warrant to the Receivor for the tyme beeing to make payment therof & the Auditor in those parts to give allowance for the same. And it is thought good by the sayd Chancellor Sir Gilberte Gerrard Knight John Clynych William Fleetwood & to the Councill of this Courte that in respecte of the arrearage of the said some or stypend allowed by the said Commissioners as is aforesayd which amounteth to the some of Cxxxj^{li} xvjs viij^d or therabouts, & which hath not beene

heartofore required or payed as is aforesaid, that there be allowed out of the revenues of the said Duchie the some of three score pounds to be payed unto the hands of the said Sir Gilbert Gerrard one of the Governours of the said Schoole before the Feast of the Nativitie of St. John Baptist next coming to the use of the said Schoole in Blackburne afforesayd, & that every of the purchasers & proprietors of the sayd lands shall also pay towards the sayd arrearages for every acre of the said Copihold landes to be measured according to the severall customes of the said Manors where the said landes doe lye tenne shillings or els the some of Fyftie & fyve pounds of lawfull money of England at the choise and election of the now Copiholders at the greate Courts to be holden at the severall Manors after the sayd Feast of St. Michael Tharkangell next & beffore the sayd birthe of our Lord God next following to be imployed & bestowed by and with the good and grave advyse of the sayd Sir Gilberte Gerrard Knyght for the better maintenance of the sayd Free Gramer Schoole to have continuance for ever. Provyded allwaies that none of the persons that are nowe in possession of any parte or parcell of the premisses shalbe displaced or removed from his possession during the naturall lyffe of the nowe possessor or occupyer without the privitie or consent of the Chancellor and Counsell of the Duchie of Lancaster for the tyme beeing. Nos autem tenorem decreti sive recordi predicti ad instanciam predicti Ricardi Lyvesey et aliorum Inhabitantium de Blackburne in Comitatu Lancastrie duximus exemplificandum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Palacium nostrum Westmonasterii sub sigillo Ducatus nostri Lancastrie predicti vicesimo secundo die Februarij anno regni nostri vicesimo octavo.

Irrotulatum in officio Walteri Myldemay militis Auditoris xj^o die Octobris anno regni Regine Elizabeth xxvij^o per Stephanum Harvey deputatum Walteri Mildmay militis Auditoris ibidem.

A marginal note to this document states that in 1690, 30 November, and for many years by-past, the original of this decree has been in keeping of the Lords of Dunkenhalth. The two original deeds are extant.

[8 June, 1560.]

[DEED-POLL OF EDMUND ELTOFTES CONVEYING LAND TO USE
OF HIMSELF AND WIFE, WITH REMAINDER TO HIS SON.]

Omnibus Cristi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Edmundus Eltoftes armiger salutem Sciatis quod ego prefatus Edmundus Eltoftes dedi concessi et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmavi Christofero Mighley Clerico et Henrico Curror de Hamonthorpe yoman totum manerium meum de Farnehill in Craven in Comitatu Eboraci, cum omnibus domibus stabulis orreis columbariis ac aliis edificiis, ac etiam dedi et concessi molendinum meum granaticum nuper edificatum super Aquam de Ayre vocatum Farnhill Milne, una cum cursus aquarum ac omnia alia terras tenementa redditus servicia prata pascua pasturas bossca subbo[s]ca clausuras communia vias semitas turbaria stagna cum suis pertinentiis eidem manerio spectantibus. Ac etiam unum tenementum cum suis pertinentiis in Farnhill in Craven predicta in Comitatu Eboraci predicto nunc vel nuper in tenura et occupacione Johannis Moone ac omnia alia terras tenementa redditus revenciones et servicia ac hereditamenta mea in Farnhill predicta in Comitatu predicto cum suis pertinentiis universis, que ante hac fuerunt reputata notata cognita seu accepta ut parcella seu parte Manerij predicti seu tenementorum predictorum sive aliquam inde parcellam Habendum gaudendum et occupandum Manerium predictum ac cetera premissa cum suis pertinentiis prefatis Christofero Migeley clerico et Henrico Curror, et heredibus suis ad usum mei prefati Edmundi Eltoftes et Agnete uxoris mei durantibus vitis nostris naturalibus et alterius nostrum diutius viventis. Et post nostrum mortem ad usum Edmundi Eltoftes filij et heredis apparentis mei prefati Edmundi Eltoftes senioris et heredum suorum imperpetuum de capitalibus Dominis Feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de Jure consueta. Et ego vero prefatus Edmundus Eltoftes senior predictum Manerium meum de Farnhill, ac cetera omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinentiis prefatis Christofero Migeley clerico et Henrico

Curror et heredibus suis ad usum predictum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. Et insuper vero noveritis me prefatum Edmundum Eltoftes seniore fecisse ordinasse consituisse et in loco meo posuisse dilectos michi in Cristo Thomam Mawde generosum, et Johannem Woode yoman meos veros et legitimos attornatos coniunctim et divisim ad intrandum pro me et vice et nomine meo ad possessionem capiendam de et in predicto Manerio de Farnhill ac cetera premissa cum suis pertinentiis. Et post huiusmodi possessionem sic inde captam et habitam de deliberando prefato Christofero Migeley clerico et Henrico Curror, secundum tenorem vim formam et effectum huius presentis Carte mee. Ratum et gratum habendum et habitum totum et quicquid dicti attornati mei vice et nomine meo fecerint, seu alter eorum fecerit in premissis per presentes Sigillo meo sigillatas. Datum octavo die Junij anno Regni Elizabethe Die gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris etc secundo.

Sealed and delivered by the within named Edmund Eltoftes in the presence of Arthur Mawde, Ricard Garforth, Roger Garforth, Edward Lambart, John Beane, Romam Brymmill, and others.

Possessio et seizina sic capta et habita deliberata fuit per infra nominatos Thomam Mawde et Johannem Woode infra nominatis Christofero Migeley et Henrico Curror, die et anno infra Scriptis secundum vim formam et effectum huius Carte Indentate in presentia Artheri Mawde, Ricardi Garforth, Rogeri Garforth, Willelm Dobson, Johanni Scott, Edwardi Lambart, Johannes* Pighells et aliorum.

Memorandum that this is a true copie of the deede under Seale and of thindorcement of the same shewed & delivered to be copied by Edmund Eltoftes Esquire for the Gouvernors of the Free Grammer Schole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackborne in the presence of & examined by us. Nicholas Walmisley, Thomas Walmisley junior, Thomas Thorne, Richard Astley, Thomas Clayton.

[29 May, 1518.]

[THESE PAGES, 94—101, GIVE COPIES OF FURTHER EVIDENCES OF THE ELTOFTES TITLE TO FARNHILL MANOR.]

† Inquisitio Indentata capta apud Otley in Westriding Comitatus Eboraci vicesimo nono die Maij anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi decimo coram Thoma Meringe armigero Escaetore predicti [Comitatus] virtute brevis domini Regis de diem clausit extremum mihi directum per sacramentum Roberti Dynley generosi Edwardi Bolling generosi Ricardi Anggram yoman, Johannis Steed yoman, Johannis Tomlynson yoman, Johannis Smithe yoman, Ricardi Ellys generosi, Percevall Thakwraye yoman, Georgij Skanerey yoman, Willelmi Ridshey yoman, Thome Rowtte yoman, Willelmi Skagilthorpe yoman, Johannis Lindley yoman, Wilelmi Ridshey of * Killinghalle yoman, Johannis Thorpe yoman, et Wilelmi Dicconson yoman. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Christopherus Eltoftes armiger fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de manerijs suis de Farnehill, Exonhope, Edwicke, and Rishworthe cum suis pertinentiis in Comitatu Eboraci, ac etiam de duobus messuagijs quadraginta acris terre in Gylested in Comitatu predicto. Et sic inde seisitus per Cartam suam cuius datum est secundo die Junij anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi quinto eisdem Juratoribus super hanc Inquisicionem in evidencia ostensum dedit et concessit omnia predicta Maneria et cetera premissa cum suis pertinentiis Johanni Rawcliffe militi, Bryano Palmes servienti ad legem, Ricardo Tempest militi, Jacobo Metcalfe, Wilermo Thwayte, Christofero Clapham de Bemestey armigero, Thome Wyboye, Willelmo Bestweshell, Johanni Acaster clericis et Johanni Feld de Bradford yoman. Tenendum sibi et heredibus suis in perpetuum virtute cuius predicti Johannes, Brianus, Ricardus, Jacobus, Willelmus, Christoferus, Thomas, Wilelmus, Johannes, et Johannes fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo ad usum ipsius Christoferi Eltoftes et heredum suorum. Et postea dictus Christoferus

* Sic.

† Original at the Public Record Office among “Inq. p. m. Chancery, Series II., vol. 33, No. 112.

Eltoftes apud Bingley predictam in Comitatu predicto, vicesimo sexto die Julij anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo decimo septimo per scriptum suum sigillo suo sigillatum, ac etiam Juratoribus predictis super capcione huius inquisitionis ostensum fecit et declaravit ultimam voluntatem ipsius dicti Christoferi de Manerijis suis predictis cum pertinentiis predicti Johannes Bryanus, Ricardus, Jacobus, Wilelmus, Christoferus Clapham, Wilelmus, Thomas, Johannes, et Thomas,* virtute Feoffamenti predicti ad tunc ad usum ipsius Christoferi Eltoftes et heredum suorum seisiti in hæc verba : IN DEI NOMINE AMEN. I Christopher Eltoftes esquire of Dyocese of Yorke being in bodelie health and of whole mynde the xxvjth daie of July, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand fyve hundreth seventeene, maketh my testament & will in forme folowing. First I bequeth my soule to our Lord Jhesu Christ, to our Lady St. Mary, and to all the holie company of Heaven, & my bodie to be buried in the Church of All Hallowes of Bingley, also I bequeth to the vicar of the said Church my best beast in the name of my mortuary, also I bequeth to the Pryour of Boulton in Cravyn & to the Covent xx^s to praye for me, also I will that my executors paie to Roberte Ryshworth of Pomefrate thelder, or to his executors, fiftie pounds for the mariage of my daughter Alice to Christofer Rishworthe sonne to Roberte Risheworth yonger. Also I will that my executors paye for & towards the mariage of my daughter Anne, one hundreth markes. Also I will that myne executors paie to Sir Tristram Horton priste seaven markes yearly during the terme of three years & a halffe to pray for my soule, and the soule of Jane late my wife, and all the soules of my ancestors. Also I will that my Feoffes that standithe infeoffed in all my lands suffer myne executors to perceyve and take all the somes that I have by this my last will assigned to be payed by myne executors of the issues & profits of the said lands, except lands & tenements to the yearly value of tenne markes over all charges which tenne markes shalbe ewenly devyded betwixt my two yonger sonnes

* *Sic* ; for "Johannes."

Cuthbert & John for terme of their lyves. Also I will that Anthony my sonne & heire apparent shall have all my goods & cattalls. Also I will that Edward Eltoftes myne uncle have yerely fortie shillinges during terme of his liffe. Also I will that Christofer Bard my servant have yerely fortie shillings during terme of his liffe, Also I will that Edward Stanefeld my servant have yerely fortie shillings during terme of his liffe. And to the performance of this my last will and testament, I ordaine and make myne executors Richard Clapham Sir John A'Custre* vicar of Gargrave Lawrence Kighley of Newhall and Robert Hartlington. Also I will that my said executors paye to Bryan Palmes sergent at the Lawe tenne pounds. Also I will that myne executors paye to Martyne my bastard sonne tenne markes towards his fynding. Also I will that my executors paye to Clemens my bastard daughter sixe markes. Also I will that myne Aunte Jennett have yerly twentie shillings during terme of her liffe. Also I make Sir Richard Tempest Knight and Sherrife of Yorkshire supervisor of this my present testament & last will for to ayde or mynyche all things comprised & specified in this my will & testament after his discretion & pleasure, as him thinke beste. In witnes wherof to this present testament, I have put my seale, these witnes: Sir John Lany vicar of Bingley, Sir Tristram Horton preist, Thomas Farrand & other moe, Geven the daie and yeare abovesaid. Et ulterius Jurati predicti dicunt quod Manerium de Farnehill tenetur de Thoma Langton per servicium militarem et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xx^{li}. Et dicunt quod Manerium de Risheworth et duobus messuagijs 1 acris terrae in Elwicke tenetur de Ricardo Astley per quem servicium Jurati predicti penitus ignorant et quod valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas x^{li}. Et quod Manerium de Oxenhope tenetur de Ricardo Tempest militi per servicium militarem et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti marcarum. Et insuper Jurati predicti dicunt quod dictus Christoferus Eltoftes obiit primo die Julij domini Regis

* *Acaster*, on p. 94.

nunc nono. Et quod Anthonius Eltoftes e[s]t filius eius et heres, et fuit etatis tempore mortis dicti Christoferi patris sui xix annorum et amplius. In cuius rei testimonium tam predictus Escaetor quam predicti Jurati huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum die et anno supradicto.

[6 Oct., 1537.]

* Inquisitio Indentata capta apud Poumfred in Comitatu predicto [Eboraci in margin of original], sexto die Octobris anno Regni Henrici octavi Anglie et Francie Regis fidei defensoris Domini Hibernie et in terra supremi capitis Anglicane ecclesie vicesimo nono coram Thoma Grene armigero escaetore dicti Domini Regis in Comitatu predicto virtute brevis eiusdem Domini Regis de diem clausit extremum post mortem Anthonij Eltoftes armigeri eidem escaetori directum et huic inquisitioni consutum per sacramentum Henrici Farron yoman Johannis Cay generosi Johannis Wilkinson generosi Johannis Clay yoman Wilelmi Maymond yoman Tristram Legierd yoman Roberti Bayldon generosi Wilelmi Newbie generosi Johannis Brooke yoman Johannis Woode yoman Thome Lawson yoman Petri Cay yoman Ricardi Longbothome yoman Johannis Cay de Yaite yoman Juratorum, etc. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Anthonius Eltoftes in dicto brevi nominato fuit seisitus die obitus sui de Manerijs de Farnehill Oxenhope Helwicke et Rishworth cum suis pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu Eboraci. Ac etiam de duobus messuagijs quadraginta acris terrae sex acris prati cum pertinentiis in Gilsteede in Comitatu predicto et quatuor bovatis terrae cum pertinentiis in Oxenhope, et de predictis Manerijs terris et tenementis ac ceteris premissis cum pertinentiis obijt seisitus. Et ulterius iidem Jurati dicunt quod predictum Manerium de Farnehill tenetur

* Record Office. Inq. p.m., Chancery, series II., vol. 59, No. 88. Another copy in the Exchequer, series II., file 236, No. 8. [This has not been fully collated with the Blackburn copy—the blanks only having been filled in, in []

de Thoma Langton per servicium militare ut de Manerio suo de Lolling ac per redditum undecem denariorum per annum, et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xx^{li}. Et quod Manerium de Rishworth necnon predictum Manerium de Halwicke cum suis pertinentiis, ac etiam quod duo messuagia quadraginta acrarum terrae et sex acrarum prati in Gilstede tenetur de Thoma Astley ut de domo suo de Bingley per quam servicium Jurati predicti penitus ignorant et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti mercarum, et quod predictum Manerium de Oxenhope cum suis pertinentiis tenetur * de domina Rosamunda Tempest vidua ut de Manerio suo de Thorneton per servicium militare et valet † per annum in omnibus [exitibus ultra reprisas viginti marcarum]. Et Jurati predicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictae quatuor bovate terre cum pertinentiis in Oxenhope predicta tenetur de domino Rege ut de Honore suo de Pomefrat parcella Ducatus sui Lancastrie per servicium militare, et reddit xij^d per annum. Et dicunt insuper iurati predicti quod predictus Anthonius non tenuit alias terras seu tenementa de domino Rege nec aliquo alio aliter quam supradictum est die quo obiit in dominico reverencie seu in servicio in Comitatu predicto. Et dicunt ulterius quod predictus Antonius obiit vicesimo primo die Julij anno Regni dicti domini regis nunc xxix^o. Et quod Edmundus Eltoftes e[s]t filius et heres propinquior dicti Antonij, et tempore mortis dicti Anthonij fuit etatis viginti unius annorum et amplius. In cuius rei testimonium tam predictus escaetor quam Jurati predicti huic Inquisitioni Sigilla sua apposuerunt etc. [Data] die anno et loco supradictis.

[1587.]

‡ Vera Copia Inquisitionis Indentata capta apud Castrum Eboraci in Comitatu Eboraci sexto die Octobris anno

* Tenentur in original.

† Valent in original.

‡ Inq. p.m., Chancery, series II., vol. 213, No. 98, dated 6 Oct. 29 Eliz. This is meant for the same Inquisition. Can the Blackburn copy be a copy of the Draft? This might account for the difference in the date. The writ is dated 27 Oct. 28 Eliz. [1586].

regni Domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris etc. vicesimo nono coram Wilelmo Hildyard armigero Escaetore dicte domine Regine in Comitatu Eboraci virtute brevis dicte domine Regine de diem clausit extremum ad inquerendum post mortem Edmondi Eltoftes armigeri eidem escaetori [directe] et huic Inquisicioni annexi per sacramentum Johannis Rudston [Johannis Acroid] Briani Rawcliffe, Thome Bulmer generosi Edwardi Clarke Radulfi Maire Johannis Plaxtn Johannis Watson Thome Bucke Lanceloti Johnson Lawrencij Pollerd et Roberti Walker yeoman. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prefatus Edmondus Eltoftes in dicto breve nominatus die obitus [sui] fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in Manerio de Knottingley tribus messuagijs decem acris terre [arabilis] prati et pasture cum pertinentiis in Knottingley in Comitatu predicto, ac de et in Manerio de Fernehill, sex messuagijs, decem cottagijs, uno molen-dino aquatico, Centum et quadraginta acris terre arabilis, Centum et quadraginta acris prati Centum et quadraginta acris pasture, ducentum acris more et jamptorum cum pertinentiis in Fernehill in Comitatu predicto. Ac de et in Manerio de Rishworth uno cotagio Centum acris terre arrabilis prati et pasture cum pertinentiis in Rishworth in Comitatu predicto ac de et in Manerio de Helwicke quatuor messuagijs sex cottagijs Centum acris terre arrabilis prati et pasture cum pertinentiis in Helwicke in Comitatu Eboraci predicti, ac de et in Manerio de Rowkesbie, Centum acris terre arrabilis prati et pasture cum pertinentiis in Rowkesbie predicto ac de et in duobus messuagijs, sexaginta acris terre arrabilis prati et pasture cum pertinentiis in Gilsteede in Comitatu predicto. Ac de et in Manerio de Oxenhope xxx^{ti} messuagijs triginta cotagia tricentis acris terre arrabilis tricentis acris pasture, tricentis acris prati ducentis acris more et jamptorum cum pertinentiis in Oxenhope in Comitatu Eboraci predicto. Et predictus Edmundus Eltoftes sic inde seisitus existens obiit inde seisitus. Et ulterius Jurati predicti super sacramentum suum

dicunt quod predictum Manerium de Farnehill ac omnia predicta messuagia terra et tenementa et cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in Farnehill tenentur et tempore mortis predicti Edmundi Eltoftes tenebantur de Stephano Hargreves Thome Laycocke Thome Bradley et alijs ut de manerio suo de Colling alias Conandley per servicium militare ac per redditum xjd obolum per annum, et valent per annum ultra omnes reprisas xx^{li}. Et quod predicta Maneria de Rishworth et Helwicke et cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in Rishworth et Helwicke predictis, ac etiam predicta duo messuagia et cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in Gilsteede predictis tenentur et tempore mortis predicti Edmundi Eltoftes tenebantur de Gilbertus Astley ut de manerio suo de Bingley per qua servicia Juratores ignorant, et valent per annum ultra omnes reprisas viginti mercarum. Et quod predictum Manerium de Rowkesbie ac cetera premissa eidem Manerio spectantia siue pertinentia tenentur et tempore mortis predicti Edmundi Eltoftes tenebantur de dicta domina Regina ut de Ducatus sue de Lancastrie per servicium tricesime partis unius feodi militis et valent per annum ultra omnes reprisas xx^s. Et quod predictum Manerium de Knottingley cum pertinentiis ac cetera premissa cum suis pertinentiis, in Knottingley, tenentur et tempore mortis predicti Edmundi Eltoftes tenebantur de dicta Domina Regina ut de Ducatus sue de Lancastrie per servicium xiiij^o partis unius feodi militis, et valent per annum ultra omnes reprisas liijs iiij^d. Et quod predictum Manerium de Oxenhope ac cetera omnia predicta premissa cum pertinentiis in Oxenhope predicto tenentur et tempore mortis predicti Edmundi Eltoftes tenebantur de Roberto Tempest armigero ut de Manerio suo de Thornewton per servicium militare viz. per — partem unius feodi militis, et valent per annum ultra omnes reprisas vi^{li}. Et insuper dicunt Juratores predicti super sacramentum suum quod prefatus Edmundus Eltoftes in dicto brevi mencionatus obiit vicesimo primo die Octobris anno regni dicte Domine Regni vicesimo octavo. Et quod Edmundus Eltoftes e[s]t filius et proximus heres dicti Edmundi Eltoftes, et fuit etatis

tempore mortis patris sui xxxvj^o annorum et amplius. Et preterea dicunt Juratores predicti quod predictus Edmundus Eltoftes die quo obiit non habuit neque tenuit aliqua alia sive plura terra tenementa nec hereditamenta de dicta domina Regina nec de aliquibus alijs personis in Comitatu Eboraci in possessione revercione vel servicio nec aliter quam supradictum est ut eis Juratores predicti constare poterunt. In cuius rei testimonium tam prefatus Escaetor quam Juratores predicti uni parti huius Inquisicionis sigilla sua apposuerunt, alt[e]ri vero parti Escaetor predictus sigillum suum apposuit. Datum die et anno supradicto.

Memorandum that these within written are true copies of Inquisicions under Seale deliuered by Edmund Eltoftes Esquire to be copied for the Governors of the Free Grammer Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackborne in the presence of and examined by us :

Nicolas Walmisley, draper.
Thomas Walmisley, Junior.
Thomas Thorne.
Richard Astley.
Thomas Clayton.

[1590.]

Be yt knowen unto all men by these presents that we the Gouvernors of the possessions revenewes and goods of the Free Gramer Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackborne in the Countie of Lancaster haue ordeyned nominated constituted & in our place put our trustie and welbeloved Thomas Clayton servant to Thomas Walmisley one of the Justices of our soueraigne Ladie the Quene of the Benche our true and lawfull attorney for us & in our name aswell to seale and as our deede to deliver one Counterpaine of such Indenture as one Edmond Eltoftes Esquier shall seale and

deliver as his Deede to our use, touching the assuring or covenanting of assurance of a certaine rent of xx^{li} yearlie to certene persons to be named in the same Indenture, and to their heires, or to the heirs of one of them, and in our names also to Receive for us and to our use the parte of the same Indenture which shalbe sealed and delivered by the said Edmond Eltoftes & all other such wrytings as shalbe delivered by the said Edmund to us or to our use and such other deedes & wrytings as shall seeme requisite & convenient to the said Thomas Walmesley to be received and had by us or to our use touching the same rent and whatsoever the said Thomas Clayton shall doe touching or concerning the premisses we doe by these presents ratifye allowe & confirme as our acte & deede. In witnes whereof we the said Governours hearunto have put our seale the 26th daie of September in the xxxijth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England France & Ireland Defendor of the Faith &c.

Sealed signed and delivered by the within named Governours to George Ashton, to the use of the within named Thomas Clayton in the presence of :

Richard Ainswoorth	} Die Martis viz. xxix ^o }	} 1590.
William Clayton.		
Gyles Bolton & others.		

Subscribed and consented unto by us the Governours of the Schoole hearunto annexed named.

Thomas Walmisley, John Sothworth Knight, John Osbaldeston, William Farington, Thomas Astley, Richard Parker, Edward Welch, John Clayton, Richard Walmesley, James Garsten, Nicolas Haworth, Myles Marsden, Richard Lowe, William Bolton, George Lyvesey, Myles Asmolle, William Crosse, Roger Smaley, Lawrence Ainsworth, Lawrence Asmolle, Lawrence Haworth, John Baron, John Hodgson, Adam Bolton, John Cowborne, William Marsden, James Rishton, Thomas Gilliborne, George Ashton, John Gillibrond, William Holden.

[1590.]

[COVENANT OF EDMUND ELTOFTES WITH THE GOVERNORS.]

This Indenture made the last daie of September in the too and thirtieth yere of the Raigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England & Ireland Defendor of the Faith &c. Betwene Edmond Eltoftes of Farnhill in the Countie of Yorke Esquire on thone partie, and the Governors of the possessions revenues & goods of the Free Grammer Schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackborne in the Countie of Lancaster Sir John Soothworth Knight Thomas Talbott, John Osbaldeston, and William Farington Esquiers Edward Walmisley and Roberte Walmisley gentlemen on thother partie. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the some of three hundreth and threescore pounds of corrent money of England to the said Edmond paide by the said Governors, wherof the said Edmonde knowledgeth him selffe fullie satisfyed and paide & therof and of everie parte therof doth clerelie acquyte & discharge the said Governors and their successors for ever by these presents. The said Edmond doth condiscend grant covenant and agree for him and his heires to & with the said Governors and the other persons before named in maner and forme folowing. That is to saie the said Edmond Eltoftes for him his heires executors & administrators doth covenant grant and agree to & with the said Governors and their successors by these presentes that he the said Edmond Eltoftes and Thomas Eltoftes sonne and heire apparent of the said Edmond at the costs and charges in the lawe of the said Governors or of the said Sir John Soothworth Thomas Talbott John Osbaldeston and William Farington or of some of them, shall together with the said Sir John Thomas Talbott John Osbaldeston and William Farington, if they or the survivor or survivors of theym shalbe so contented & pleased before the twentieth daie of October now next cominge knowledge and levie one Fyne unto the said Edward and Roberte Walmisley, and to the heires of one of them, of all

that capitall messuage or mantion house, commonlie called or knownen by the name of Farnehill Peele in Farnhill in the Countie of Yorke. And of all lands tenements meddowes feedings pastures woodes underwoods & hereditaments, appertayning or belonging to the same capitall messuage or used or occupied therewithall comonlie called or knownen by the name of the Demaines of Farnhill or by any other name whatsoever now or of late in thoccupacion of the said Edmund Eltoftes his tenants or assignes in Farnehill afforesaid. And of all other the messuages landes tenements and hereditaments of the said Edmund scituat lying & being in Farnhill aforesaid, by such names or number of acres & in such maner & forme as shalbe reasonably advised or devysed by the said Gouvernors or the counsell lerned of the said Governors or of the said Sir John, Thomas Talbott, John Osbaldeston, and William Farington or some of them. And it is agreed by all the said parties that the said Edward Walmisley and Robert Walmisley, and the survivor of them shall by the same fyne, grant and render to the said Sir John Soothworthe Thomas Talbott John Osboston & William Farington and to the heirs of the said Sir John one annuall rente charge of twentie poundes of lawfull money of England issuing out of the same messuages lands tenements & hereditaments payable at the portch on the south syde of the parishe church or chappell of Clitherowe in the Countie of Lancaster at two tymes in the yeare that is to saie upon the fifteenth daie next after the Feast daie of St. Martyn the Bushopp in winter and upon the fifteenth daie next after the Feast daie of Pentecoste yearlie by even porcions. And also that if the said rente or anie partie therof shalbe behynde and not paid at the place and daies afforesaid, that so often it shalbe lawfull for the said Sir John, Thomas Talbott, John and William and the heires & assignes of the said Sir John to enter into the said messuages landes tenements and hereditaments and every or anie parte therof and theare to distreyne aswell for the arrerages of the said Rente if anie be, as also for ten shillings in name of a

penaltie for everie daie wherin the said rente or anie parte therof shalbe behynde & not paide after anie of the daies or tymes before specified in such maner & forme as shalbe reasonably devysed or advysed by counsell lerned as afforesaid, and at the like costes as afforesaid. And that proclamacions shalbe had & made upon the same Fyne according to the statute in that behalffe made & provyded. And it is further condiscended & agreed by & betwene the said parties that the said Edward Walmisley and Robert Walmisley and the survyvor of theym shall after the said Fyne levied, stand & be seazed of the said messuages landes tenements & premisses to be comprysed in the said Fyne to them and their heirs only for this ende and purpose that a perfecte recoverie maie be had against them, and the survyvor and his heirs of the same tenements & premisses in a writt of entree in the post. And for the perfecting of the said Recoverie it is agreed by and betwene the said Edmonde Eltoftes Edward Walmisley and Robert Walmisley & everie of them. And the said Edmond doth covenant to & with the said Governors and their successors, that the said Edmund Eltoftes and his heirs shall att all tymes hereafter permitt & suffer William Rishton & Thomas Clayton servants to Mr. Justice Walmisley to Recover against the said Edward and Robert and the survivor of them and his heirs in a writ of entree in the post according to the order & course of comon recoveries, the messuages lands & tenements aforesaid wherin if the said Edward & Robert or the survivor of them or his heirs, shall vouche the said Edmund Eltoftes that he the said Edmund shall in proper person or by his attorney sufficientlie authourished without anie extraordinarie delaie enter into the voucher and vouche to warrant the comon vouchie, and that it maie be proceeded therein according to the order used in comon recoveries, so as a perfect Recoverie & execucion of the same maie be hadd of the said premisses. And it is agreed by & betwene all the said parties that the said Recoverors & all other Recoverors and their heirs and the same and everie Recoverie that shalbe had of the same premisses against the

said Edward and Robert and the survivor of them and his heirs shalbe aswell to thuse of the said Edmund Eltoftes his heirs and assignes for ever as also to the use & intent that the said premisses maie be charged with the said yerelie rente of twentie poundes. And that the said Sir John Soothworth Thomas Talbot John Osboston and William Farington and the heirs & assignes of the said Sir John maie have & perceive the said Rent issuinge out of the said premisses and distreyne for the same, and for the penaltie aforesaid in the same premisses, if the said Rent or anie parte therof shall att anie tyme hereafter happen to be behynde and unpaid at the daies afforesaid according to the true intent & meaning of these presents And the said Edmund Eltoftes doth for him his heires and executors covenant & grant to & with the said Governors and their successors by these presents that the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments shall at all tymes after the said Fyne levied remaine and continewe charged with the said Rent and to the distresse and distresses to be taken in or upon the said premisses for the said Rente and everie parte therof being behynde and not paid at anie the daies aforesaid, and for the said penaltie being forfeited and not paid according to the true intende of these presents. And the same landes and tenements shall at all tymes after the said Fyne continew of value sufficient to answeere and satisfie the said Rente and penaltie and tharrerages of the same. And that the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter shalbe saved harmles by the said Edmond his heires or assignes in such wyse as the same shall remaine & be lyable and sufficient to distresse & distresses for the said Rente being behynde & not paide, and for the said penaltie being forfeited and not paide according to the true meaning of these presents. And that the said Edmond Eltofts is true & lawfull owner of the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments and of everie parte & parcell therof and is lawfullie seized of the same of a good & perfecte estate in fee simple or fee taile, without any condicion or limitacion

of use to defeate or alter the same. And that there is no revercion remainder or estate of the said messuages lands & tenements or anie parte therof in the Queenes Maiestie. And that he hath good and absolute auctoritie to give grante and convey the said Rent of twentie pounds to the said Sir John Soothworth Thomas Talbott John Osboston and William Farington and the heires of the said Sir John issuing out of the said premisses in maner and forme aforesaid and also to charge the said messuages lands tenements & hereditaments with the said Rent for ever, in maner and forme as before is mencioned. And the said Sir John Soothworth Thomas Talbott John Osboston and William Farington for themselves their heirs doe covenante & grante to & with the said Edmond Elftotes his heirs and assignes by these presents that they the said Sir John, Thomas, John, and William and their heirs and assignes, or such of them as shalbe seazed of the said Rente from tyme to tyme at all tymes hereafter when neede shall require, shall by their sufficient wryting under their severall seales nominate appointe and aucthorise the schoolmaister of the said schoole for the tyme being, or one or two sufficient & able persons as their attorney or attorneys for them and in their names to receive the said yearlie rente of twentie pounds at such Feastes and daies at the same hereafter shalbe due, and that such person and persons aucthorished as aforesaid shalbe readie at the said portch aswell to receive the same at the tymes before mencioned yearelie as to seale and deliver such an acquittance testifying the recipt of the said some or somes as shalbe paid by the said Edmond Eltoftes his heirs or assigns to the said Sir John, Thomas, John, and William, or to the heirs of the said Sir John or their or anie of their assignes as shalbe reasonable devysed by the said Edmond Eltoftes, his heirs or assignes according to the true intent of these presents. And it is declared by these presents that the true intent & meaning of all the parties to these presents is that the said Sir John Sothworth Thomas Talbott John Osboston and William Farington and the heirs of the said

Sir John after such tyme as they shall be seized of the said Rente of twentie poundes by the conveyance and assurance aforemencioned That they shall convey and assure the same Rente to the said Governors and their successors for ever, for the use and benefite of the said Schoole. In witness wherof to these presente Indentures the parties aforesaid enterchangable have putt their hands and seales the daie and yeare first above written.

Edmunde Eltoftes.

Sealed by the within named Edmund Eltoftes and by him as his deede delivered to the within named Sir John Sothworth Thomas Talbott John Osbaldeston William Farington and to Thomas Clayton sufficiently authourised by letter of Attorney to him made by the Governors within named to the use of the said Governors in the presence of :

Walter Hawkesworth.

George Talbott.

John Talbott.

Thomas Thorne.

John Chowe.

The following is a copy of a Deed, dated 30 September 1590, and doubly sealed. The spelling differs in many instances :—

Noverint universi per presentes me Edmundum Eltoftes de Farnehill in Comitatu Eboraci armigerum et Thomam Eltoftes filium et heredem apparentem dicti Edmundi, teneri et firmiter obligari gubernatoribus possessionum revencionum et bonorum libere schole grammaticalis Regine Elizabeth in Blackeborne in Comitatu Lancastrie in Septingentis libris bone et legalis monete Anglie solvendis eisdem gubernatoribus successoribus et assignatis suis. Ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et utrumque nostrum per se pro toto et in solido heredes executores et administratores nostros firmiter per presentes Sigillis nostris sigillatas. Datum ultimo die Septembris anno Regni Elizabethæ dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris etc. Tricesimo secundo.

The condicion of this Obligacion is such that if thabove

bounden Edmond Eltoftes & Thomas Eltoftes and either of them their heirs & assignes doe well & trulie from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter observe performe fulfill and keepe all and singular covenants grants articles promisses and agreements whatsoever, which on the partie and hehalffe of the said Edmond & Thomas or either of them their heires or assignes, are to be observed performed fulfilled or kept, comprysed & specified in a certeyne pare of Indentures bearing date with these presents made or mencioned to be made betwene the said Edmond on thone partie and the Governors of the possessions revenues and goods of the Free Gramer Schoole of Quene Elizabeth in Blackebourne in the Countie of Lancaster Sir John Sothworth Knight, Thomas Talbot, John Osbaldeston and William Farington Esquiers, Edward Walmisley and Roberte Walmisley gent. on thother partie, as by the same at large maie appeare. That then this present Obligacion to be voide and of none effect or els it to stand remaine and be in full force and vertue.

Sealed by the above bounden Edmond Eltoftes and by him as his deed delivered to Thomas Clayton authorised by letter of Attorney to him made by the Governors abovenamed to the use of the said Governors in the presence of :

Edmonde Eltoftes.
Thomas Eltoftes.

Walter Hawkesworth.
John Talbott.
John Chowe.

George Talbott.
Thomas Clayton.

Sealed signed and delivered to Thomas Clayton sufficientlie authorised by the Governors within named to receive the same to and for their use by the within named Thomas Eltoftes in the presence of :

William Rishton.
Thomas Thorne.
Richard Astley.

[1591.]

[EXEMPLIFICATION OF A RECOVERY, CONCERNING THE
FARNHILL MANOR.]

Elizabeth dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor etc. Omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem Sciatis quod inter placita terre irrotulata apud Westmonasterium coram Edmundo Anderson militem et sociis suis Justiciariis nostris de Banco—termino Sancti Hillarij anno Regni nostri tricesimo tertio rotulo xj^o continetur sic : Eboracum § Wilelmus Ryshton et Thomas Clayton in propriis personis suis petunt versus Edwardum Walmisley generosum et Robertum Walmisley generosum, decem messuagia, decem gardina, quadringentas acras terre centum acras prati, quingentas acras pasture, quadraginta acras bosci cum pertinentiis in Farnehill ut ius et hereditatem suam, et in que ijdem Edwardus et Robertus non habent ingressum nisi post disseisnam quam Hugo Hunt inde iniuste et sine iudicio fecit prefato Wilelmo et Thome infra triginnta annos etc. Et predicti Edwardus et Robertus per Henricum Cressye attornatum suum venit et alias vocati inde ad warantizandum Edmundum Eltoftes armigerum qui modo per summonitionem ei in Comitatu predicto factam per Willelmum Saville attornatum suum similiter venit et gratis tenementa predicta cum pertinentiis eis warrantizaverunt etc. Et super hoc predicti Wilelmus et Thomas petunt versus ipsum Edmundum tenentem per warantizationem suam tenementa predicta cum pertinentiis in forma predicta etc. Et unde dicunt quod ipsimet fuerunt seisiti de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo et iure tempore pacis tempore Domine Regine nunc capiendo inde explesias ad valentiam etc., et in que etc. et inde producit sectam etc. Et predictus Edmundus tenens per warantizationem suam defendens ius suum quando et ulterius vocatus inde ad warantizandum David Hoell qui presens est hic in Curia in propria persona sua, et gratis tenementa predicta cum pertinentiis ei* warrantizavit etc. Et super hoc predicti

* *eis* in original.

Wilelmus et Thomas petunt versus ipsum Davidem tenentem per warantizationem suam tenementa predicta cum pertinentiis in forma predicta etc. et unde dicunt quod ipsimet fuerunt seisiti de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo et iure tempore pacis tempore Domine Regine nunc capiendo inde explesias ad valentiam etc. et in que et inde producunt sectam etc. Et predictus David tenens per warantizationem suam defendens ius suum quando etc. et dicunt quod predictus Hugo non disseisatus prefatum Wilelmum et Thomam de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis prout ijdem Willelmus et Thomas per breve et narrationem suam predictam superius supponitur et de hoc ponunt se super patriam etc. Et predictus Willelmus et Thomas petunt licentiam inde inter loquendi et habent etc. Et postea ijdem Willelmus et Thomas revererunt hic in Curia isto eodem termino in proprijs personis suis et predictus David licet solempniter exactus non revenit sed in contemptu Curia recessit et defaltum facit. Ideo constatum* est quod predicti Wilelmus et Thomas recuperent seisinam suam versus prefat† Edwardum et Robertum de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis. Et quod ijdem Edwardus et Robertus habeant de terra predicta Edmundi ad valentiam etc. Et quod idem Edmundus ulterius habeat de terra predicti Davidis ad valentiam etc., et idem David in misericordia etc. Et super hoc predicti Wilelmus et Thomas petunt breve Domine Regine de habere faciendo eis plenariam seisinam de tenementis predictis cum pertinentiis et eis conceditur retornabile hic a die Paschae in xv^m dies etc. Que omnia et singula ad requisicionem Thome Walmisley armigeri unius Justiciarorum Curie nostre de Banco tenorem preseñcium duximus exemplificandum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad brevia in Banco predicto sigillanda deputatis presentibus apponi fecimus. Teste Edwardo Anderson apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Februarij anno regni nostri Tricessimo tertio.

Scott.

* Sic ; for consideratum.

† Sic.

[1594.]

[CONVEYANCE FROM SOUTHWORTH AND OTHERS OF THE
FARNHILL RENT-CHARGE TO THE GOVERNORS.]

This Indenture made the seaconde day of Aprill in the six and theirtieth yeare of the Raynge of our Souereigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queene of Englande France and Ierlande, defender of the faith &c. Betweene John Sowthworth of Samlesburie in the Countie of Lancastre Knight Thomas Talbott of Bashall in the Countie of Yorke, John Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston, and William Farrington of Hauldley in the said Countie of Lancastre, Esquires, on thone partie. And the Gouvernors of the possessions reuenewes and goods of the Free Gramar Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackborne in the said Countie of Lancastre, on thother partie. Wittnesseth that the said John Sowthworth Knight Thomas Talbott, John Osbaldeston, and William Farrington, for and in consideracion of a certayne some of mony to them beefore hande payed by the said Gouvernors, whereof they acknowledge them selues fullie satisfied and payed, by these presents haue granted, barganed, and soulded, and by these presents, doe clearly and absolutlie grante, bargain, and sell, unto the said Gouvernors of the possessions, reuenewes and goods, of the Free Gramar Schoole of Queene Elizabeth in Blackborne, One anuall or yearly Rent Charge of Twentie pounds, issuinge and goinge out of certayne lands tenements and hereditaments in Farnhill in the Countie of Yorke, together with the distresse and distresses incidente or belonginge to the same And all Rents which the said John Southworth Knight, Thomas Talbott, John Osbaldeston, and William Farrington haue jointly of any estaite issuinge and goinge out of any lands tenements and hereditaments in the said Countie of Yorke. To haue and perceauie the same, to the said Gouvernors there successors and assignes for euer, in as ample and as lardge mannor, to all intents and purposes, as they the said Sir John Southworth, Thomas Talbott, John Osbaldeston, and William Farrington, or any of them haue

or ought to haue the same. In wittnes where of the parties aforesaid to these presents Indentures interchangeablie haue put their hands and seales, the day and yere first aboue written.

John Southworth. Thomas Talbott. John Osbaldeston.
William Farrington.

Captum et recognitum apud Samlesburie tertio die Aprilis, anno regni nostri Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidej defensoris &c. tricesimo sexto, Coram Thome Walmsley uno Justiciariorum Domine Regine de Banco, ad Irrotulandum.

Thomas Walmsley.

Irrotulatum in Banco, Rotulo secundo de CartisScriptis et proteccionibus cognitum et allocatum Termino Pasche, anno regni Elizabethe Dej gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regine fidej defensoris &c. Tricesimo Sexto.

1628. xxijth of December in the fourth yeare of the Reigne of our soueraigne Lord Charles Kinge of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c.

The names of the Gouvernors which bee lyving att this daye vidz : 1628.*

Sir Richard Houghton Knight & Baronett.

Sir Raphe Ashton Baronett.

Sir Richard Mullinex Knight.

Sir William Fleetwood Knight.

Sir Gilbert Houghton Knight.

Sir Thomas Gerrard Knight.

Sir Thomas Walmisley Knight.

Sir Edward Osbaldeston Knight.

Sir John Talbott Knight.

Sir Thomas Barton Knight.

Thomas Walmisley of Dunkinhalghe esquire.

Richard Shereburne esquire.

John Osbaldeston, Esquire.

* Added in another handwriting.

Richard Shutleworth esquire.

John Talbott esquire sonne & heire apparentt of Sir John
Talbott Knight.

Radcliffe Ashton esquire.

John Bradill esquire.

Richard Haworth of Grese Inn esquire.

Nicholas Grymshaye esquire.

Thomas Walmisley de Couldcotts gent.

John Clayton gent.

Thomas Gelibrond gent.

Richard Parker gent.

John Crosse gent.

Richard Osbaldeston gent.

Richard Walmisley gent.

Adam Bolton Clerk *vicar of Blackburne.*

James Whithalge gent.

John Haworth gent.

Edward Gelibrond gent.

Thomas Maire gent.

Adam Morte gent.

John Brocke gent.

John Talbott de Carr gent.

William Seller gent.

Peter Haworth yoman.

Roger Smaley yoman.

John Smythe yoman.

John Gelibrond yoman. *mor.*

Richard Lawe yoman.

Gyles Bolton yoman.

Richard Harwood yoman.

Thomas Aspinall yoman.

Thomas Whalley yoman.

James Astley yoman.

Seth Clayton yoman.

Peter Edge yoman.

Henrie Feilden de Pythorne yoman.

1602. Septimo Aprilis anno regni Elizabeth Regine etc.
xliiij^o.

Bonds deliuered into the Chest of the Schole the day
aforesaid.

Item primis an obligacion by Henry Ward & others of xij^{li}
for the payment of vj^{li}.

Item an obligacion by John Soothworth & others of xv^{li} for
the payment of vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d.

Which two bonds weare taken for the money
before lying in the Ushers hands.

Item an obligacion by Elen Osbaldeston Widowe of xl^{li} for
the payment of xx^{li} which bond is deliuered in by Mr.
Gelibrond at the same tyme *and that the mony due for the
forbearanse of the same was payd vnto the Usher of the sayd
Scole the xxixth of September 1604 & so qvite for the for-
berranse of the same.*

Item there remaynes in George Boulton his hand xxx^s which
he haith putt in bond for *Richard Law hath promysed that
he shall enter into bowndes for the same withowte delaye.*

Item an obligacion by Henry Mawdisley and John
Gelibrond of xx^{li} for payment of x^{li}.

Item an other by Richard Houghton of xx^{ti} marks for
payment of vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d.

Item an other by John Elswicke and others for xij^{li} for
payment of six pounds.

Item there remaynes in Mr. Risheton the Ushers hands
xxiijs iiij^d whoe hath not putt in bound for the same.

The some of the
principall ys - 1x^{li}

Memorandum that the some of Fytie powndes parcell of a
greater some given to the use of the said Free Gramer Scoole
by the last Will and Teastament of Mr. John Astley is the
xxiiijth daie of Aprill 1606 deliuered into the handes of
William Rishton of Muche Harwood gent. and George

Lyvesaye of Rishton yeoman to be repaide upon their bounde to thuse of the said Scoole, to the hands of the Governors of the same, at and upon the Feast daie of Sct. Michael tharchangell next.

[Signed:]	Thomas Walmysley.	John Gelibrond.
	Edward Osbaldeston.	Nicholas Grymshawe
	William Farington.	Thomas Astley.
	Thomas Walmsley.	George Talbott.
	John Clayton.	

1603 xxix die September anno regni regis Jacobi primo.

The names of the Governors whiche be Lyving this daye.

Sir Thomas Gerrard Knight.

Lord Gerrard Bromley.

Sir Thomas Walmysley Knighte the Kings Maiesties Justice of the Comon place, *mort.*

Sir Richard Houghton.

Sir William Fletewood.

Sir Richard Molinex.

*Sir Thomas Langton, *mortuus.*

Sir Thomas Walmisley.

Sir Thomas Holecrofte miles.

John Osbaldeston Esq.

Ranulphe Barton ar.

†Radcliffe Asshton ar.

Thomas Sothworthe ar.

*John Osbaldeston ar., *mort.*

Roberte Heskethe.

Raufe Assheton ar.

†Richard Sherburne Junior de Stonihurst.

William Faryngton ar., *mort.*

John Talbott of Sailbury ar.

John Talbott of Bashall ar., *mort.*

*Edward Walmysley ar., *mort.*

Thomas Walmysley Junior ar.

*John Sothworthe ar.

Edward Osbaldeston ar.

†Edward Braddill ar., *mort.* 1607.

- Roger Nowell ar., *mort.*
 *Thomas Ainsworth ar., *mort.*
 †Richard Haworth.
 James Lyvesaye.
 Thomas Asteleye.
 John Clayton.
 Roberte Walmysley.
 †Thomas Walmisley de Couldcotts.†
 Richard Walmysley, *mort.*
 John Crosse.
 †John Parker, *mort.* 1607.
 George Talbott.
 Edward Welshe.
 Edward Gelibrond.
 *John Cowburne, *mort.*
 Rychard Waley.
 Lawrence Ainsworthe.
 †John Morres.
 †John Braddell Esquire.
 †Richard Parker gent.
 †John Clayton.
 †John Brocke.
 †William Seller.
 Lawrence Haworthe.
 Lawrence Salisbury.
 Henry Mawdisley 1607.†
 *John Hulton, *mort.*
 George Holden younger *mort.*
 John Gelibrond.
 Richard Lawe.
 *Lawrence Aspmall, *mort.*
 †Richard Harwood.
 John Baron, *mort.*
 *Miles Marsden, *mort.*
 †Peter Haworthe.
 James Asteley.
 †Peter Edge.
 George Bolton.

Henry Feilden.
 †Gyles Bolton.
 Lawrence Gorton.
 Giles Ainsworth.
 †Henrie Ffeilden.
 George Lyvesay of Whitebirk.
 James Whitehalghe yf he will so doe, *solvit*.

Governors elected the xxixth of September 1604, viz.
 *Nicolas Grimshawe ar. xx^s in playce of Lawrence Aspemolle.
 *Mr. Thomas Barton ar. x^s in place of Sir Thomas Langton.
 *John Haworth of Blackburn gent. ar. v^s in place of Mr.
 Edward Walmesley ar.
 *Lawrence Yates of Cole pits in place of John Osbaldeston
 Esquier x^s, *mort*.
 Thurstan Fogg in place of Lawrence Yates x^s *solvit*.
 Thomas Gelibrand in place of Miles Marsden x^s.
 Thomas Aspmall, *solvit*.
 John Hulton.
 Ellis Edge in place of . . . *solvit*.
 John Gelybrand.
 John Ainsworth.

Italics denote a later hand.

* Denotes name crossed out at a later date.

† Denotes interlined entry by a later hand.

x^o die Septembris 1605.

Memorandum that a copie of the Will of John Asteley late of Lytle Massingham in the Countie of Norffolk decessed was sente Inclosed in a letter directed to the Right honorable Sir Thomas Walmysley Knight one of his Maiesties Justices of Comon pleas, and one of the gouernors of the ffree gramer scole of queene Elizabethe in Blakeburne I saye sente from Roberte Kenyon, Clarke, parson of Harpley in the Countye of Norffolk, In hec verba :

In the name of God Amen, I John Asteley of Lyttle Massingham in the County of Norffolk, beinge of good and

perfecte memorye, thanks bee geven to God thereffore, Do make my Laste Will and testament in maner followinge, ffirste I give my soule into the hands of Almyghty God my Heavenly father, By the Deathe of Whose Dearelie beloved sonne, I hope to have ffree Remyssion of all my synes, and to be partaker of Eternall Glorye, And my bodie to be Buryed at the discrecion of myne executor, Item I geve unto Roberte Kenyon of Harpeley, Clarke, Tenn pounds, Item I geve unto hym my beste Cloake All the Reste of my goods Wheresoever, or Whatsoever, I geve unto the feoffees of the ffree schole of Blakeburne in the Countie of Lancaster, To be ymployed and bestowed by theym for the Increase of the Annuall stypend of the Maister and Ussher theare, or for the mainteynance of poore scholers in the said schole, whether shalbe thought fytter and more Conveyente, by the Right Honorable Thomas Walmysley Knight one of his Maiesties Justices of the Comon pleas, and myne Executor, And I will at the payment of the money to the ffeoffees, That the said ffeoffees, shall enter bonnd unto myne executor that yt shalbe ymployed to suche usses, And I do make Lestrangle Mordant Esquier Executor of this my last Will, and do geve unto hym ffyve pounds, In Witness whereof I have sett my hand and seale hereunto the Eightenthe daye of Aprill, In the yeare of our Lord, one thousand Syx hundrethe & ffoure.

x^o die Septembris 1605.

Memorandum that sixtene books whose tytles are hereunder expressed were geven (by George Leyland, Clarke, parson of Geaton in the County of Norffolk decessed) to the use of the said free scoole, and now delivered the daye and yeare above-sayd to the said governors by Henry Ffeilden And then wer putt into the Comon Chestre, amongst the Evidences appertayning to the said free schole.

Byblia Latina.

Cooperi Dictionarium.

Baretti Dictionarium.

Lexicon graecolatinum, Johis Scapula.

Ambrosi Calepini Lexicon.

Piscatoris opera, Quinq Voluminibus.

Synonima graeca Martini Rulandi duobus voluminibus.

Natalis Comitit Mythologiae Volumina duo.

Hebreum Lexicon.

Johis Ravisii Textoris Epitheta.

Notes in margin : Piscatoris workes in fyve volumes are taken into my hands Martii 31th 1608.

John Morres vycar of Blackborne.

Memorandum that the 17 day of Sept. 1608 [the] other eleaven bookes were delivered to Mr. Browne, & Mr. Ryssheton to be kept in the schoole :

John Morres.

Edmunde Browne.

Richard Rissseton.

Thomas Walmysley, Thomas Sothworth, George Boulton, Edward Osbaldeston, William Farington, Lawrence Ainsworthe, George Lyvesey, John Clayton, Henry Mawdesley, Henrye Feilden, John Gelibrond, Rychard Lawe.

[The page above seems to be in Lawrence Ainsworthe's MS.; not so the side notes.]

Notes on the books left in 1605 by John Asteley.

Ambrose da Calepio or Calepino (1435—1511) compiled (1490) a huge Lexicon in eleven languages, very famous in xvi century. He was an Augustinian monk. The number of languages was reduced to 7 by Facciolati (1718).

John Fischer, Calvinistic Divine (1546—1626).

Ravisius Textor, John Tixier, a Frenchman (1480—1524).

Natal Conti, Greek and Latin Poet, *circa*. 1582.

Rulland Martin, German medical writer (1532—1602).

Scapula, John, *circa*. 1540—1600. Lexicographer.

John Baret, or Barret, died 1580. Lexicographer, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, published, about 1574, "An Alvearie or quadruple Dictionarie containing foure sundrie tongues namely English Latine Greeke and Frenche, newlie enriched with varietie of wordes phrases proverbs and divers lightsome observations of grammar."

Thomas Couper, or Cooper (1517?—1594), scholar of Oxford, Bishop of Winchester. Edited *Dictionarium Historicum et Poeticum*, London, 1552 and 1565, known as "Cooper's Dictionary."

29^o Septembris 1606.

Whereas Richard Houghton of Read lee stooode bounde by obligacion to the Gouvernors in xv^{li} for payment of vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d, nowe the same ys payd this daye to Richard Risheton gent Usher of the Free Schole theare, And lykewise Henrye Mawdisley & John Gelibrond have also payd to the Usher x^{li} the same daye, And also George Bolton haithe payd to the said Usher xxx^s, all which somes were due by bounds which bounds are redeliuered, which money remaynes in the Ushers hands to the use of the Schole.

Mistress Osbaldestons bound for xx^{li} and the Ushers bounde of xxiijs iiij^d are remayning in the Cheeste, and one bound of J. Elswicke of vj^{li} ijs in Richard Lawes hand to be payd Receyved by hym for thuse of the Schole, and fyfty pounds in readie moneye in the hands of Mr. William Risheton of Harwood.

29 September 1606.

Tow bounds vidz: one of Henry Warde and Thomas Forreste of xij^{li}, for payment of vj^{li} And thother of John Sothworthe Richard Walmysley and Lawrence Haydoke of xv^{li} for payment of vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d, are deliuered into Richard Lawes hands, to be sent upp

to London to be putt in suite at this terme
 yf the same money be not payd to the hands
 of the said Ussher within xxviij^{ti} dayes now
 next - - - - -

xiiij^{li} xiijs iiij^d

Where George Lyvesaye & Richard Lawe
 have colected of Mr. Thomas Barton xx^s
 Mr. Grymshaye xx^s & of Lawrence Yates x^s
 now the same l^s ys bestowed for the
 repayinge of the Schole howse, and
 allowed of accordnglie - - - - -
 And yet neuerthesse there ys behind owinge
 to Richard Lawe - - - - -

l^s

xj^d

[Signed :]

Thomas Walymysley.

Thomas Walmsley Jun.

Edward Osbaldeston.

Thomas Astley.

George Talbott.

James Lyvesey.

William Farington.

Nicholas Grymshawe.

xxixth of September 1607.

Money payd by theis persons as parte of suche somes
 of money as are due by bound made by theym & others :

Henrye Warde parte of vj^{li} - - - - - iiij^{li}

John Sothworthe of Rocher parte of

vij^{li} xiijs iiij^d - - - - -

ljs ijd

The whole some of money belonging to the

Schole ys - - - - - Cx^{li}

All the persons who had any parte of the same some
 before this tyme excepte the money due by Walmysley
 and Forreste, are clearelie dischargd of the said money
 which before they had. Whiche money ys in the hands
 of theis persons whose names do followe, and are to geve
 sufficient bounde for one yeare as followith :

Thomas Asteley gent. - - - - - xx^{li}

Richard Mollyneux gent. - - - - - xx^{li}

Xpofe Horroks yoman	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
Richard Rysheton gent. the Ussher	-	-	-	-	-	l ^{li} xvijs x ^d
Richard Walmysley and Lawrence Haydoke						
do owe as maye appear by bounds	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li} ijs ijd
Thomas Forrest dothe owe as appeares by						
bounde	-	-	-	-	-	ii ^{li}
Some Totalis -						Cx ^{li}

Bounds to be taken of the persons afforsaid and sufficient suerties within tenn dyes nowe nexte, as shalbe thoughte conveniente by Thomas Asteley gent. John Clayton gent. John Gellibrande Henrye Mawdisley John Hawoorthe Richard Lawe and Henrye Feilden or foure of theym at the leaste.

Memorandum there ys payd by Thurstan Fogge Ellis Edge Thomas Aspnall & James Whitehalghe xxxvjs viij^d wherof ys allowed to Richard Lawe which he disbursed for charges in the Schole iiij^s iij^d, so now remaynes xxxijs v^d, which muste be ymployed by the said Richard Lawe towards the Cheynynge of the bookes in the Schole *of which last some hee hath disbursed as by his accompt appeareth* vijs x^d *and so there remayneth yet in his hands the xxixth day of September 1608 iust* xxiijs v^d.

[Signed :] Thomas Walmysley.
 Thomas Walmsley Jun.
 Edward Osbaldeston.

Primo die Augusti 1608.

Memorandum that this present daye there is delivered unto the handes of the Governors of the Schoole by John Clayton gent. the some of fortie shillings which was geven to the use of the said Schoole by Thomas Clayton deceased brother of the said John Clayton.

Memorandum that this daye is delivered unto the hands of the Governors of the Schoole by Roberte Kenyon, Clerke parson of Harpley in the Countye of Norffolke the some of xxx^{li} xvijs vj^d beinge the residue of a legacie of iiijxx^{li} xvijs vj^d

geven to the said Schoole by Mr. John Astley deceased which said some of xxx^{li} xvij^s vj^d and the aforesayd some of x^{ls} geven by Mr. Clayton is deliuered to the hands of Mr. Rysheton the Usher to bee by hym employed for the use of the Schoole and securetye to bee taken for the same, according to the former rule therin, viz by the pryvytye and consent of some of the Gouvernors neare adioynyng.

[Signed:]	Thomas Walmysley.	Edward Osbaldeston.
	Thomas Sothworth.	William Farington.
	John Talbott.	Nicholas Grymshawe.
	Thomas Walmsley.	George Talbott.
	James Lyuesey.	John Clayton.
	John Morres.	John Haworth.
	Ranulphe Barton.	Rychard Lawe.

Memorandum that the first day of August 1608 att an Assembly of the Gouvernors of the same Schoole of Blackborne by one comon assent Mr. Edmond Browne nowe school-mayster att Whalley was elected to bee mayster of the said Schoole and appointed to receaue all such stipend fees and wages as is or shalbee due or apperteynyng to the schole-mayster of the said Schoole from tyme to tyme and the said Mr. Browne havinge notyce of the sayd eleccion dyd repayer himselffe to Blackborne upon the fyftenth of this present monthe and there *being requested* dyd take upon hym the said place accordingly and had the key of the Schoole deliuered unto hym by the said Governors whoe made the said eleccion and whose names are hereunder wrytten :

[Signed:]	Thomas Walmysley.	Rychard Lawe.
	Thomas Walmsley.	George Boulton.
	John Talbott.	Thurstan Fogge.
	Edward Osbaldeston.	Lawrence Gorton.
	William Farington.	Thomas Aspinall.
	John Anysworthe.	Henrye Feilden.
	John Morres.	Nicholas Grymshawe.
	John Clayton.	John Crosse.
	Edwarde Gelibrand.	

Vicesimo nono die Septembris 1608.

Memorandum that this day there is delivered into the hands of Mr. Browne the Schoollmayster the some of xx^{li} parcell of the money lately geven by Mr. John Astley to the Schole and the said Mr. Browne is to geve security for the same accordingly as haith bene in the lyke case heartofore ordered and accustomed to bee done and there remayneth in the hands of Mr. Rysheton the Usher Cxxij^{li} xvijs vjd^s wherof there is to bee deliuered forth by the said Mr. Rysheton to the persons hearunder wrytten the seuerall somes of money hereafter sett downe, upon their security to bee geven as is ordered viz.

To John Breakes	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}
To Mr. Richard Mollineux	-	-	-	-	-	xx ^{li}
To Xpofer Horrockes	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}
To William Ward and Thomas Sowrbuts	-					x ^{li}
To Peeter Clayton	-	-	-	-	-	vj ^{li}
To Richard Walmysley	-	-	-	-	-	xls

And so *there wyll* remayne in the hands of
 Mr. Rysheton iust - - - - - xxiiij^{li} xvijs vjd^s
 The some of this is - - - - - Cxxij^{li} xvijs vjd^s
 And then addinge therunto the aforesaid xx^{li}
 in the hands of Mr. Browne the whole
 stocke is iust - - - - - Cxlij^{li} xvijs vjd^s

[Signed:]	Thomas Walmysley.	John Haworth.
	William Farington.	George Boulton.
	John Morres.	Thurstan Fogge.

Vicesimo die Septembris 1610.

Memorandum that the day and yeare abouesaid the xx^{li} which was in the hands of Mr. Browne is *paid in &* deliuered over *ageine* to Mr. Browne whoe is to take security for the same as formerlye hath bene ordered upon which security taken the said Mr. Browne is therof acquitted.

And there remaineth in Mr. Ryshetons *the Usher* hands Cxxij^{li} xvijs vjd^d whearof there is to be deliuered to the persons hearunder named the seuerall somes of money hearunder wrytten upon their security to be geuen as is usually accustomed and as haith bene formerly ordered.

To Mr. Mollineux	-	-	-	-	-	xx ^{li}
To James Walmisley of Reapes	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}
To Roger Haddocke	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
To Peeter Claiton	-	-	-	-	-	vj ^{li}
To Richard Walmisley	-	-	-	-	-	xl ^s
To Edward Thorneley	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}

Which was paid in by Mr. John Breakes

And soe there remaineth in the hands of

Mr. Rysheton the Usher iust - - -xxiiij^{li} xvijs vjd^d

Some of all this is - - - Cxxij^{li} xvijs vjd^d

The xx^{li} which was paid in per Mr. Browne is deliuered to thes persons vide :

To James Alston	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li}
To Thomas Newton	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
To Mr. Morres	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li}

[Signed :]	Thomas Walmysley.	George Talbott.
	Edward Osbaldeston.	Edward Gelibrand
	John Morres.	John Haworth.

Vicesimo nono die Septembris 1611.

Memorandum that the day and yeare abovewrytten Mr. Rysheton the Usher dyd shoue forth the bonds which were taken for the said some of Cxxij^{li} xvijs vjd^d *and nowe are due* and the said persons or the most of them are wyllinge to renewe the said bonds for another yeare soe as the same some is nowe lent forth againe to the persons whose names are hearunder wrytten, vide :

To Mr. Mollineux	-	-	-	-	-	xx ^{li}
To James Walmysley	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}

To Roger Haddocke	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
To William Walbancke	-	-	-	-	-	vj ^{li}
To Richard Walmysley	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{ls}
To Edward Thorneley	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}

And soe there remayneth in the hands of

Mr. Rysheton the Usher iust	-	-	-	xxiiij ^{li}	xvijs	vjd
Some of all this is	-	-	-	-	Cxxij ^{li}	xvijs vjd

The xx^{li} which was disposed of by Mr. Browne the Schoolemaister is deliuered over againe to the same persons, vide :

To Mr. Morres	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li}
To Thomas Newton	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
To William Wallbancke	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li}

Some - xx^{li}.

Memorandum that Sir Gylbert Houghton Knight beinge moved by the appointement of the Gouvernors to bee a Gouvernour of the said Schoole, hath this day certyfyed the said Gouvernors that hee is pleased to take upon him the said place, whearupon the said Sir Gylbert Houghton is this day nominated & elected by the Worshipfull the said Gouvernors to be a Gouvernor of the said Schoole in place & stead of William Farrington esquire deceased And the said Sir Gilbert Houghton is pleased to bestowe one tree or twoe towards the reparacions of the said Schoole.

And the same day Rauffe Rysheton gent. is elected Gouvernor in stead of Mr. Richard Walmysley and hath paid in this day of his free guyft x^s which is deluered to Richard Lawe.

Memorandum that of the xxiiij^s v^d which was in the hands of Richard Lawe the 29th of September 1608 there is disbursed by him for the necessary use of the Schoole the some of xv^s iij^d.

And allsoe the said x^s geuen by Mr. Rauffe Rysheton, soe

there nowe remayneth in the hands of the said Richard Lawe xxvs iiij^d.

[Signed:]

Thomas Walmsley. <i>mort</i> 1611.*	Edward Osbaldeston.
Thomas Sothworth Knight.	John Talbott.
James Lyuesey.	James Whythalgh.
John Clayton.	John Morres.

Vicesimo nono die Septembris 1612.

Memorandum that the day & yeare abouesaid Mr. Rysheton the Usher dyd shoue forth the bonds which were taken for the said some of Cxxij^{li} xvijs vj^d and nowe are due & the said persons or most of them are willinge to renewe the said bonds for another yeare Soe as nowe the same is lent forthe ageine to the persons whose names are hearunder wrytten, vide :

To Mr. Mollineux -	-	-	-	-	-	xx ^{li}
To James Walmisley -	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}
To William Ward -	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}
To William Walbancke -	-	-	-	-	-	vj ^{li}
To Richard Walmisley -	-	-	-	-	-	xls
To Edward Thorneley -	-	-	-	-	-	xxx ^{li}

Soe there remaineth in the hands of Mr.

Mr. Rysheton the Usher iust	-	-	-	xxiiij ^{li} xvijs vj ^d
Some of all this is	-	-	-	Cxxij ^{li} xvijs vj ^d

The xx^{li} which was in Mr. Brownes hands in his lieffe time there is xv^{li} of yt contynewed by bonds to the persons hearunder named, vide :

To Mr. Morres	-	-	-	-	-	v ^{li}
To Thomas Newton	-	-	-	-	-	x ^{li}

And thother v^{li} is this day paid in by John Bolton executor to Mr. Browne, and is lefte in the hands of Mr. Morres to bee by him putt forth with the consent of another Gouvernor takinge security for the same, as is accustomed, & soe the said executors of Mr. Browne are clearly discharged of the said xx^{li}.

* He died in November, 1612.

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